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GOVERNMENT CONDEMNED AS WEAK AND COWARDLY

(Special to "Telegraph")

London, Feb. 23.

British Labour is united and is throwing its full force, backed by three powerful bodies, behind the demand for an immediate general election on the issue of collaboration with Italy and Germany.

Leaders of the Labour Party, the Parliamentary Labour Party and the General Council of the Trade Union Congress met at Transport House to-night and issued the following manifesto:

"This is not the time for concessions to dictators....

"We demand that a stand shall be taken with other peace-loving states against violence and threats of the fascist powers."

The meeting accused the Government of betraying friendship and confidence of democratic nations. It condemned "the weakness and cowardice and demanded a clear declaration that Britain stands for the enforcement of treaties against lawless force and aggressive interference in the internal affairs of independent states."

The manifesto declared that the Government's policy had "alienated the people of the United States who find repeatedly shown sympathy for peace-loving nations and hatred of fascist aggression."—United Press.

Pledges Disregarded

London, Feb. 23.

A manifesto issued by the Trade Union Congress and Labour Party states:

"The present Government holds no mandate from the electors for the vital changes it has made in foreign policy. The British Labour movement challenges it to submit this issue to an immediate general election."

The statement adds that the Prime Minister and the majority of the Cabinet disregarded the pledges on which the National Government gained the nation's confidence at the last election. They had deserted the League, brought the Covenant into derision and abandoned the principles which had hitherto inspired the British people in their international relations.—Reuter.

New Purge Of Soviet Officials

Now Commissar Of Defence

Moscow, Feb. 23.

The appointment of M. Ivan Fedko, Commander of the Kiev Military Corps, as Vice-Commissar of Defence is revealed by Pravda.

Marshal Voroshilov, Chief of Staff since 1931, who had been Marshal Voroshilov's first Vice-Commissar of Defence, failed to appear at any of the celebrations commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Red Army.

Admiral Orlov, former Vice-Commissar of Defence and Admiral Nikolai, Chief of the Baltic Fleet, were reported to have been removed from their posts last night by Marshal Voroshilov, who said it is for these reasons these fascist bandits and spies have been wiped off the face of the earth.—Reuter.

Italy Stops Attacks On Britain

Rome, Feb. 23.

Broadcasts in Italian stations, which frequently contained attacks against Britain, have not yet been suspended, although the character of the programmes is likely to be changed.

No anti-British matter has been broadcast during the past three or four days.—Reuter Bulletin.

CABINET PLANS FOR PARLEY

Keeping France
Informed Of
Developments

Note From Franco Not Satisfactory

London, Feb. 23.

The Cabinet held its usual weekly meeting at No. 10 Downing Street this morning. It is believed it reviewed the instructions to be given to the British Ambassador to Rome, who is now on his way to London, with regard to the Anglo-Italian talks.

While the Cabinet was sitting, M. Charles Corbin, French Ambassador to London, called on the Foreign Office. The British Government is keeping the French Government closely informed concerning the arrangements which are being made for the conversations with Italy.

The Premier stated in the House of Commons that a communication had been received from the Balananza authorities in reply to the British note of protest against attacks on British shipping. The terms of the communication could not be regarded as satisfactory by the British Government, and a reply to the Balananza authorities was under consideration.—Reuter.

Kwangsi Troops Stop Japan's Anhwei Push

LEARNING FASCIST SALUTE



No, they are not Fascist troops. They are prisoners, however. In the recent fighting around Teruel, which the insurgents recently recaptured, these Loyalist soldiers surrendered after weary days of fighting. They seem, some of them, on good terms with their old enemies.

NINE DIE IN FORMOSA AIR RAID

Taihoku Calm After
Chinese Planes
Surprise Visit

Tokyo, Feb. 24.

Late last night the Overseas Ministry after the fullest investigation of the bombing of Taihoku, Formosa, by Chinese planes, reported that eight persons were killed and 38 injured at that point.

At Shenchiku one person was killed and one wounded by the raiders.

A Domet despatch from Taihoku states the populace is calm.—United Press.

TOKYO NOT PERTURBED

Tokyo, Feb. 23.

The populace was quiet at midnight, following on the excitement caused by reports of raids on Formosa by Chinese planes.

The people perused the regular newspaper editions and retired confident that the Chinese would not attempt to raid Japan proper. They have confidence in their air defence force.

The newspapers brought out no "extras" but the Nihonichi reported the Formosa raid in full.—United Press.

Speculation In Shanghai

Shanghai, Feb. 24.

Observers here are speculating as to the reasons for the Formosa bombing after seven months of war.

It is suggested that it is an attempt to divert world attention from Europe or that it is an effort on the part of the Hankow authorities to appease certain discontented elements in other parts of China, especially Canton, since the majority of the Cantonese planes are in North and Central China leaving the south practically without protection by pursuit craft. It is recalled that some of the air raids on South China came from Formosa.

Foreign military experts do not expect any attack to be made on Japan proper due to their belief that China does not possess machines capable of making the return light, although she at one time owned such planes.

Russian circles point to the possibility that Soviet fliers chose a Formosa raid as a way of celebrating the Red Army's twentieth anniversary.

It is generally expected that Japanese planes will retaliate to-day, possibly against Hankow. Weather in Central China is at present ideal for bombing.—United Press.

Refugee Train Due in Colony

Another Refugee Train is on its way to Hongkong, according to advices received by the Hongkong Telegraph this morning.

The train left Hankow on February 22.

Only two special refugee cars were coupled on to the regular Canton-bound express, and these, it is believed, will be switched on the loop-line and brought to Kowloon this afternoon.

MEASURE MAY HURT JAPAN'S EXPORT TRADE

London, Feb. 23.

The House of Commons to-day gave the first reading to a Bill, introduced by the Opposition Liberal, Mr. R. T. D. Acland, which is aimed at Japanese goods. The Bill seeks to amend the Merchandise Marks Act by laying down that goods from certain countries shall henceforth be marked with the precise country from which they came.

Mr. Acland said he considered buyers should be enabled to decide whether goods should be used to swell the finances with which Japan is carrying on an unofficial war, which had been unanimously condemned as a war of unprovoked aggression.

Mr. Herbert Williams (Cons.) said he thought they should first clear the decks of denouncing the treaty with Japan before taking the steps advocated by Mr. Acland. He thought the Bill was not in keeping with the Anglo-Japanese treaty of commerce.—Reuter.

U.S. AMBASSADOR VISITS REFUGEES

Hankow, Feb. 24.

Mr. Nelson Johnson, American Ambassador to China, visited Chinese refugee camps yesterday and was warmly welcomed.

He was accompanied by two dozen reporters and photographers and was seen by thousands of Chinese. He was warmly welcomed by the officials of the National Government.—United Press.

SOONG MAY AGAIN JOIN GOVERNMENT

Latest Hankow
Report

Hankow, Feb. 24.

Active participation in the Chinese Government by Mr. T. V. Soong is widely believed, following his arrival here from Hongkong.

His arrival has served to dispel rumours of disagreement within the Soong family. When Madame Chiang Kai-shek and Mr. H. H. Kung recently visited Hongkong, reports were circulated that they were trying to persuade Mr. Soong to "forget past differences and to come to Hankow".—Reuter.

KING AGAIN VISITS INDUSTRIES FAIR

London, Feb. 23.

The King paid his second visit to the British Industries Fair to-day, touring the Earls Court section with Lord Derby and Mr. R. S. Hudson, Secretary for Overseas Trade. His Majesty was most interested in the heavy industries.—Reuter Bulletin.

RECORD SUGAR CROP IN 1938

Washington, Feb. 23.

It is estimated that the sugar crop for the year ending August 31, 1938, will be a production of 20,399,000 tons as compared with the previous record in 1937 of 20,208,000 tons. Consumption, it is estimated will be 28,842,000 tons, which will be 8,443,000 tons above the 1937 record.—United Press.

GENERAL PERSHING SERIOUSLY ILL

New York, Feb. 23.

General Pershing, Commander of the American Expeditionary Forces in the Great War, is still seriously ill, with complications of pneumonia and heart disorder.—Reuter Bulletin.

FORCING INVADERS TO ALTER STRATEGY ALONG WIDE FRONT

Chinese Capture Guns, Tanks And Cavalry at Kweiteh

Hsuechow, Feb. 24.

General Li Chung-jen, the Kwangsi general, having stopped the Japanese march inland in Anhwei, the invading forces in this area are at present trying to accomplish a co-ordinated movement in the north along the western section of the Peiping-Hankow railway in Shansi. This big-scale drive will attempt to link the Japanese forces.

It is perhaps likely that the Japanese will first seek to cut the Lunghai railway at Loyang. A secondary force may simultaneously move eastward on the Peiping-Hankow line, attempting a huge-scale outflanking movement intended to surround the Chinese forces scattered over an enormous area.

While artillery fire has been heard at Kaileng, the Japanese have reinforced the Taitung garrison and emerged from that long besieged town to attempt a southward march along China's most dangerous road. At Kweiteh the Chinese captured four mountain guns, three tanks and some cavalry.

General Shantung is quiet. General Pang Ping-hsun's 41st Army has started a counter-attack on the east coast against newly-landed Japanese troops.

Seize Fishing Boats

The Japanese have seized 100 fishing boats in Tushan and Chaoyang, huge inter-connecting lakes west of the Tientsin-Pukow railway and 65 miles north of Hsuechow. Guerrilla troops have been despatched hastily to meet a possible threat from the lake area. All boats have been ordered removed from the lower lakes.

It is to be noted that the Japanese may abandon their frontal attack and attempt to proceed westward across the lakes, to land on the highway which leads into Hsuechow. This move the Chinese are now manoeuvring to frustrate.—United Press.

Chengchow Lives In Fear

Chengchow, Feb. 24.

All shops are closed in the daytime here and resume business at 4 o'clock. The people are afraid of air raids.

However, the army headquarters here believe that a direct Japanese drive in the Peiping-Hankow railway and Chengchow is unlikely. The Japanese will prefer to try to cut the Lunghai railway to the east and west and come in upon the rear of the Chinese forces in Shansi.

At present there is only one train a day on the Lunghai railway.—United Press.

CHINESE MILLS HARD HIT

May Have To Sell Out
To Japanese

Shanghai, Feb. 24.
Chinese cotton mills in the western area of Shanghai, hard hit by the absence of demand for their products, may be taken over by Japanese interests, according to the Shanghai Maheiti. Unable to transport the produced textiles to the hinterland or abroad, the Maheiti says these concerns are faced with serious financial difficulties which may compel them to sell out to Japanese interests.

Japanese mills here, the Journal points out, are in a better position, since they are able to export products to North China, India and the South Sea Islands. Hundreds of Chinese workers daily besiege the lower end of Japanese cotton mills in search of employment.—Reuter.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)

SONG-HIT FASHIONS . . . 1

'You can't stop me from dreaming'



New nightdresses make glamour practical

1. Nightdress on the left is made of crepe pleated from the yoke, and pleated in the skirt. Wide panel of creamy lace inset round the waist. It's high-waisted and high-necked; short puff sleeves, bodice and hem are finished with narrow rickish of its own material. Sash of dark green velvet ribbon ties in a bow at the waist.
2. Lying on the bed, determined to go on dreaming, is a girl who likes a tailored look about her nightgowns. She's picked one made of heavy shell pink satin, made as severely as a sports shirt, with short turn-up sleeves, high neck, and turn-over collar, and fitting bodice panelled with seams of stitching. The skirt is plain, full enough to hang in a good line; the belt, narrow and made of flax blue satin, matches the satin-covered buttons and a line of piping round the edge of the collar.
3. Standing on the right . . . she's wearing pockets on the hips will carry anything from a handkerchief to the morning's post. Sleeves are long and darker green dots. Square yoke is one plain with another band of the checked satin edging thickness thin; the real is made with two thicknesses, the cuff.

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Cleaning Tips

PLASTER statues which have a polished surface may be cleaned successfully by rubbing them over with a little fresh dairy cream. Use a soft pad of muslin to apply the cream, changing round to a fresh part of the muslin as it becomes soiled.

Clean real parchment lampshades by rubbing them all over with a fine oatmeal, applying the oatmeal with a piece of cotton wool. Renew the cotton wool as often as necessary.

When washing delicate china it is a good plan to line the bowl with a cloth, clipped to the edge of the bowl by spring clothes-pegs. This will prevent any risk of the china's being chipped.

After washing fireplace tiles in the usual way, rub them over with floor or furniture polish, but not before they are quite dry. Rub off the polish with a soft duster and you will find that the tiles have a gleaming surface, and one to which ashes or dust will not cling easily.

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TAPIOCA TOPICS

TAPIOCA is nourishing and easy of digestion, and is excellent therefore for both children and invalids.

It requires long cooking and should not be placed over too fierce a heat.

We are sometimes inclined to neglect tapioca, thinking it becomes monotonous because there is only about one way of cooking it. This is by no means true, for tapioca can be cooked in very many interesting and appetising ways.

Tapioca jelly, for instance, is a very light and nourishing sweet for children, and goes well with stewed fruit.

Put 2 ozs of tapioca, a cupful of cold water, and the grated rind of a lemon into the inner part of a double saucepan, with boiling water in the outside.

Keep the water boiling till the tapioca starts to thicken, then stir in a second cupful of water and boil slowly for an hour, stirring from time to time. Sweeten to taste and pour into a wetted mould. When cold turn out. Chocolate may be used instead of the lemon if liked.

TAPIOCA CREAM

To make tapioca cream, soak 2 ozs. of grain in a gill of milk for two hours, then boil for five minutes with the rind of a lemon (removing rind after boiling), add two tablespoonfuls of sugar, pour in a couple of beaten eggs, stirring occasionally. Put some jam at the bottom of a glass dish, pour in the tapioca when cool, then whip a gill of cream stiff and spread roughly over the top.

Tapioca rouge is excellent and easy to make. Boil four tablespoonfuls of tapioca till thick and clear, and stir it while boiling into a cup of red or black currant jelly. When thoroughly mixed, turn into a mould and serve when cold with cream.

TAPIOCA CARMEL

For this soak a breakfastcupful of tapioca in a pint of cold water overnight. Add two ozs. of butter, six ozs. of brown sugar, a pinch of salt, and more water if necessary. Then cook in a double saucepan until transparent, and serve with cream.

To make a delicate pudding, stir three tablespoonfuls of tapioca into boiling milk, and continue to stir for twenty minutes, adding 2 ozs. of loaf sugar. Turn into a basin, and, while cooling, stir in an ounce of butter, and, when cold, add three beaten eggs. Pour into a buttered dish and bake for an hour. This is excellent if served with wine sauce.

A TASTY MERINGUE

This tapioca plum meringue is one of the very best recipes for tapioca. Soak half a teacupful of grain and cook with three teacupfuls of milk and half a teacupful of sugar in a double boiler. Flavour with vanilla, and when tender take off the fire.

Cover the bottom of a pie dish with a thick layer of plum puree, pour the tapioca on top, and cover with a meringue made from the whites of two eggs and powdered sugar. Brown in the oven and serve immediately.

Tapioca and apples go well together. Peel, core, and cut up some good cooking apples. Put in a grease fireproof dish and sprinkle sufficient brown sugar over. Then pour in some tapioca which has been cooked till tender in water to which a pinch of salt has been added. Serve with custard. The children will love this.

E. R. Y.

A Sausage Dish

HERE is a way of cooking sausage that will minimise its amount of fat without eliminating its appetising flavour.

Put 1 lb. of Cambridge sausages into a pan, cover with cold water, bring slowly to the boil, then allow to simmer for 1 minute. Lift out the sausages and leave them to become quite cold, when the skin will come off together with some of the fat.

Line a buttered oval pie dish with short pastry made of 1/2 lb. of sieved self-raising flour, 1/4 teaspoonful salt, and 1 1/2 oz. of margarine. Rub in the margarine until the mixture resembles fine bread crumbs; and by using a knife, mix it with 3 tablespoonfuls of water.

Turn on to a board, working the paste together with the hand. Roll out thinly. Line the pie dish neatly with the pastry and brush with white of egg to prevent the custard from soaking in. Fill the sausages lengthwise in the pie dish.

Prepare a custard by beating up 2 or 3 eggs and a pinch of salt, adding a little milk. Pour over sausages and bake in a moderate oven for 15 minutes. Turn down gas; bake slowly for over 25 minutes. The result will be an inviting and succulent supper dish.

Anna Forman.



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Mr. Francis R. Brown performed the operation in the Dundee Royal Infirmary.

Mr. Brown made an opening in the patient's diaphragm—the big muscle which divides the body across the middle—brought up fatty tissue, which has an ample blood supply, and stitched it on to the heart.

Shortly new veins will form, and an alternative blood supply to the heart will develop.

An infirmary official told the Sunday Dispatch that the patient's condition is giving every satisfaction.

"Although we have had no experience of this type of operation in Dundee," he added, "we are confident the man will make a complete recovery."

SHAPELY LEG "EXHIBIT A"

San Francisco. In a \$50,000 damage suit resulting from a bite by an English bulldog, Miss Lorraine Llewellyn was obliged to introduce a rather shapely leg in court as "Exhibit A."

RECALLED TO JAPAN



GENERAL MATSUI, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Forces North China, who has been recalled to Japan.

AMERICAN STORY OF SHAI CARNAGE

By H. R. Ekins
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New York, Feb. 15.

I flew from New York to Shanghai last July to join the United Press staff covering the Chinese-Japanese hostilities which had started outside Peiping the night of July 7.

Our editors in New York believed these hostilities would develop into a major war. They did and I found myself in the midst of the starkest human tragedy that I have experienced in covering wars around one half the world.

I reached Hankow early in August.

Hankow is known as the "Chicago" of China. It is a sprawling, steaming city on the great Yangtse River and for centuries the army which controls it has been the strategic master of Cathay.

I went to Hankow because I believed that it would be the best base for travel to those parts of China where the most important battles of the war would be fought.

Fortunately (or unfortunately, depending on one's point of view) an old case of one of those illnesses which beset so many people who have lived long in lands where disease is prevalent, was brought back by the steaming heat of a mid-summer on the ancient central China plain, and I had to return to Shanghai to my doctor.

I got out on the last passenger plane which left the city and reached Shanghai just in time to be at the Palace Hotel when it was bombed by Chinese fliers trying to strike at the Japanese.

That was Shanghai's "Bloody Saturday."

Three Chinese aerial bombs killed at least 1,000 people—including Americans—in the space of one minute.

All these people were civilians. Not one soldier was hit. They were the children, the men, and the women of a great city who were going about the activities of everyday life just as any other people go about their everyday activities in the middle of any day in any large city in the world.

They were the victims of modern, mechanized war.

Two bombs crashed through the Palace and Cathay hotels on the crowded Shanghai waterfront.

Another bomb crashed at the intersection of Avenue Edward VII and "Chips" street alone killed more than 1,000 people. It tore a crater in the road into which one could put a small-sized railway car. It mangled hundreds of children, women, and men beyond recognition.

Indicative of the destructiveness of explosives, I saw the bodies of people who had been killed, simply by concussion. Every bit of clothing had been blown from the bodies.

I went into the countryside. Death struck there with the same effectiveness that it struck in the cities.

Japanese and Chinese planes came over high in the skies, circled, and came down in screaming power dives. The bombs came from them almost as accurately as shells came from field guns.

Columns of men simply dissolved into fragments of torn flesh.

Houses disappeared in clouds of dust which settled over the bodies of the farm families that had been in them.

I went into Chapel. I had seen Chapel—one of the principal industrial areas of the Shanghai Chinese city—destroyed before, during the Chinese-Japanese hostilities of 1932.

The destruction then was almost as nothing compared to this destruction. It was a grim example of the speed with which the effectiveness of explosives is being developed.

I went to Woosung. Woosung is really a part of Shanghai—a sort of port suburb at the confluence of the Whangpoo and Yangtse Rivers north of Shanghai's International Settlement.

I saw the same things I had seen in Nanjing Road, in Avenue Edward VII, at the fighting front in the country, and in Chapel.

I saw children, women, and men die in hundreds.

Many of them were blown into pieces too widely scattered to make possible a decent burial.

Some of those who lived through the continuous waves of attacks and counter-attacks were left with only stumps for limbs. Others were blinded.

I saw the development of the Chinese "scorched earth" policy.

That policy was adopted at the suggestion of leaders of the Chinese Communist party who reconciled their long quarrel with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and were

taken into the Central Chinese Government after the war started.

It is designed to destroy everything destroyable in the path of the enemy's advance so that he cannot live off the countryside.

I saw grain crops levelled, farm houses burned, buildings dynamited, bridges destroyed, and even footpaths gashed with great holes so that they could not be walked upon.

I saw the painfully dredged ship channel of the Whangpoo River blocked with sunken ships filled with stones.

I saw commerce stopped on the mighty Yangtse River which for centuries has been greatest commercial highway of all China—the transport route over which food supplies move for 100,000,000 people.

I saw children starve when these food supplies were cut off.

I went into North China.

The dikes along the rivers there, built by the toil of generations of men, were broken—and the fields turned into muddy lakes dotted with mounds of rotting grain.

Tientsin was a shell of the gay city it had known a few years ago when it was my headquarters. Piles of crushed brick and pieces of broken concrete were all that was left of buildings I used to frequent.

I heard a description of war from broken Chinese soldiers who were invalided from the front. They whispered of men who were chained to their machine guns so that they could not cease firing when they were assigned to cover a retreat. They told of officers who enforced obedience with automatic pistols.

They Insist On Getting Me Wrong, Avers Mae

MAE WEST, who has been under fire for her appearance as Eve in the Broadway skit "Adam and Eve," strenuously denied that she had any intention of saying anything to hurt the susceptibilities of her audience.

Speaking over the long-distance telephone from her home at Hollywood in a voice tinged more with sadness than with anger, she told the Daily Mail New York correspondent:

"I KNOW WHAT'S VULGAR"

"I wouldn't do anything to hurt religion. I go to church myself. I am still convinced there was nothing objectionable in the skit. Otherwise I would not have played in it."

Mae feels that others who were responsible for putting the skit on the wireless have, as she said, "let the lady down."

But she admitted that her tremendous popularity would be sufficient to account for the concentrated fire to which she has been subjected.

"I know what's vulgar and what isn't," she exclaimed. "I make fun of vulgarity but people insist on getting me wrong. They read into things I say something not there."

"This is what happened. I was asked to act as Eve in Don Ameche's 'Adam.' I went to the studio and was handed the script, which I read in front of the 'make-up.' I never changed a word."

"No one was more astonished than I when the furor broke out."

"Whatever some Puritans may say, I prefer to leave my case in the hands of the great American public. It refuses to condemn me, as I know from letters received."

"But," I remarked, "there is the suggestion that it was not so much what you said as the way you said it."

"Well," she replied, "I can't help my voice. After all, that's one thing even the censors can't take away from me."

The famous film star hopes, if contracts permit, to visit England this year.

MOSCOW PLEASES WRIGHT

Montreal. Moscow promises to become the fastest city in the world according to Frank Lloyd Wright, internationally famous American architect, who passed through Montreal recently en route from the Soviet capital to the United States.

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So vague is the plot, if such it can be termed, that one can leave the theatre almost unaware of what precisely has taken place, but one does not quickly forget the many comic and witty lines which continually protect themselves from the dialogue, nor can one be unappreciative of the several sly and subtle thrusts made at two of Britain's most honoured institutions—the Royal Navy and the Diplomatic Service. The play has charm and a fast tempo, both qualities being given their full value by the Hongkong players.

SMITH-WRIGHT'S HIT

E. G. Smith-Wright has done an excellent job of work in producing this London stage success with such polish. That he also earns the acting honours-in-chief is further testimony to his versatility. It is a studied, competent performance which would do credit to anyone. In whatever play he appears, one always feels that while Smith-Wright is on the stage the show cannot fail.

He is surrounded in this instance by an exceptionally able cast, all of whom share unstinted congratulations for a meritorious production. Donald MacAlister, profiting by experience, has become a light comedy performer of particular charm and quality. Shellah MacAlister caps all previous performances, and makes every entry and exit a notable event. Prue Nell, apportioned a part not without its difficulties, offers an interesting interpretation. H. L. Duncan is an assured success, and plays a drunken scene with commendable skill. One finds it hard to detect flaws in the work of Claude Burgess, although his part is by no means "straight", and calls for some ingenuity in acting. A. H. Delcourt gives a brilliant study of a volatile French professor. Peter Nicholson a well modulated, if a little nervous, study, and Ery Grossman, relegated to a comparatively insignificant part, makes what she can of it. Everard Harding has one entrance—and well it steals the show!

The play has been studiously rehearsed, and the A.D.C. shows always are, and is such a successful production that it deserves a full house at every performance.—S.A.T.

Bocca Tigris Forts Shelled

Japanese Attack River Positions

Canton, Feb. 23.

Taking no chances, four Japanese warships early this morning hurled over 40 volleys in the direction of the Bocca Tigris forts at a distance of eight miles, out of range of the shore batteries.

All the shells dropped on empty spaces and the forts made no reply. After an hour the invading squadron left for the sea.

At noon gunfire was heard at Bocca Tigris and five Japanese warships were sighted about 12 miles from the forts. It was rumoured that the S. S. Sal On was molested by the Japanese cruisers, but her owners, the Tung On Steamship Company, stated that she arrived at Hongkong safely at 2 p.m. to-day.—International.

WARSHIP HIT

Canton, Feb. 23.

Another Japanese warship is reported to have been hit by Chinese shell-fire this morning when four invading war vessels two cruisers and two destroyers, attacked the Bocca Tigris Forts.

The attack began at dawn during which about 60 rounds were fired by the Japanese warships. The effectiveness of the Chinese return fire succeeded in driving the invaders away.—Central News.

PASSENGERS THRILLED

Canton, Feb. 23.

River steamers from Hongkong and Macao received their first baptism of fire when they passed through Bocca Tigris yesterday noon. Passengers who arrived here stated that they were much excited by the shelling of the forts by a Japanese cruiser and two destroyers of the 33rd flotilla.

The forts were handicapped in replying to the bombardment as there were ships passing up and down the channel at that time. One seaplane taking off from the cruiser dropped seven bombs near the forts, which were not damaged.—International.

ANTI-COMINTERN PACT HAS NO SECRETS

Tokyo, Feb. 24.

Questioned by a foreign correspondent whether there was anything behind the anti-Comintern Pact between Japan, Germany and Italy, a spokesman at the Foreign Office declared there was no secret agreement behind the pact, the text of which had already been published.

The spokesman said the pact only stipulates co-operation among the three powers for suppressing Comintern activities. He said there was no other stipulation, nor was there a provision for Italian and German support of Japan's action in China.—Reuter.

Chinese Fear Change In British Stand

Chamberlain's Policy Creates Misgiving

Shanghai, Feb. 23.

As the result of Britain's policy towards Ethiopia, Chinese fears are increasing that she might adopt a similar policy in the Orient under which she would withdraw her support to China and substitute it with loans to Japan to assist in the development of the occupied Chinese areas. It is also feared there may be possible recognition of Manchukuo in order to effect Anglo-Japanese reconciliation.

Chinese sceptics foresee the possible British decision to permit the "have-nots" to obtain what they want from the weaker nations such as China rather than sacrifice their own possessions in an attempt to appease them.

China's hopes of additional outside assistance are at a low ebb owing to the failure of Soviet Russia to give expected help, Hitler's precipitation of the European crisis which has diverted the attention of democracies from the Orient, British policy towards Italy, and indications of an Anglo-American split, decreasing the possibility of joint action in the Pacific which was expected to result in stricter American isolation rather than assumption of sole "policing" responsibilities in the Orient.

China is convinced that Britain is determined to avert war at any cost for at least a few years, after which probably it would be too late to assist Chiang Kai-shek.

It is believed that Britain would possibly attempt to make the best of the situation in the Far East by financing Japanese development of the occupied areas. It is pointed out that in the event of Britain deciding on this course there is a possibility that American capital would also be used for the purpose.—United Press.

WELCOME TO DIPLOMAT

Enthusiasm Cools on Eve Of Ambassador's Arrival

Shanghai, Feb. 23.

The enthusiasm with which Chinese circles hailed the departure to China of the new British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, has cooled off considerably on the eve of his expected arrival in Shanghai.

Originally there was speculation that the new Ambassador had with him a plan of British assistance to China or a peace plan favourable to China which might be forced upon Japan. Now, however, they are fearful that he may assist in a possible Anglo-Japanese reconciliation.

It is pointed out that Sir Archibald proceeded to Shanghai from Hongkong rather than to Chungking immediately to present his credentials.—United Press.

NO MEDIATION

Tokyo, Feb. 23.

Questioned by a foreign correspondent as to whether Japan favours British mediation in the Sino-Japanese conflict, a spokesman of the Foreign Office recalled the Japanese Government's statement of January 10, refusing to have further dealing with the Hankow Government. Therefore, the spokesman thought there would be no chance of foreign Powers mediating.

The correspondent drew attention to the Japanese Press message from Hongkong, which suggested that the British Ambassador contemplated mediation and asked whether the messages were officially inserted.

The spokesman replied that the report was possibly mere guess work of correspondents in Hongkong.—Reuter.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

SWAN, CULBERTSON & FRITZ LATEST REPORTS

New York, Feb. 23.

S. C. & F. Dow Jones summary of yesterday's markets:

The Street believes that the latest European developments have enhanced the prospects of peace. The peace policy of the Administration is interpreted as favourable and buying has become more aggressive. Good leadership heartened the market and made for continued strength. The action of commodities was a disappointment. Clarification of the steel price structure failed to broaden demand. Net operating incomes of the railroads for January were more than 50% below those of January, 1937. The scrap-steel market is weak. Cigarette-production is falling.

S. C. & F. New York correspondent cables:

Stock: The market to-day was strong on the belief that recent events in Europe defer the possibility of a war. Business sentiment was also slightly better. A further irregular advance is likely. Bank deposits for the week totalled \$14,405,000,000.

Cotton: Higher foreign markets and the absence of March notices caused a higher opening here. An evenly-balanced trade was maintained. Hedging was light, but was carefully watched as an indication of the effect of the advance on diverging spots to the market from the Loan. Textiles were firm and active.

Wheat: Vladivostok is reported to be a buyer of 3 cargoes of Australian wheat, which is believed to be at the expense of our Pacific exports. Russia is reported to be negotiating heavy sales to Europe. Political tension and buying by cash interests sustained the market to-day. Exports totalled 250,000 bushels.

Corn: The strength of the market to-day was largely due to an Argentine estimate of 40% average loss in the corn-crop in that country.

Rubber: The proposed extension of the quota pact stimulated general buying. The market is broadening.

Hides: There was some lifting of hedge and speculative buying. 120,000 units are reported to have been sold on the spot market this week at steady prices. Japan and England are reported to be buyers of Argentine hides.

Sugar: The market is quiet, with prices barely steady.

Dow Jones Averages Low Close
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STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary, issued at noon yesterday, says:

Market ruled firm and steady and prices continue to show improvement.

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Hongkong Bank \$1,535 c.d.
Canton Insurance \$250
In or Insurance \$250
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CHINESE RAID FORMOSA

10 Bombs Dropped On Aerodrome

Shanghai, Feb. 23.

A flash message from Domei states that several Chinese planes carried out a raid on Taihoku, Formosa, at 11 o'clock this morning.

The Chinese planes dropped ten bombs, which landed 500 yards from the airport.—United Press.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The following statement was issued by Mr. T. Nakamura, Japanese Consul-General, yesterday:

The Army Headquarters to-day in Taihoku, made public the following statement:

At 11.05 a.m. to-day above the Taihoku aerodrome appeared two or three enemy war planes which dropped about 10 bombs. In fear, perhaps, of the very good Japanese air defence, the enemy planes flew at such an altitude that they could hardly be seen from below. The bombs fell a long way from the aerodrome on this account and several hit a private house at Shozansho east of Taihoku city, causing no serious damage but injuring or killing several women who had happened to be nearby.

About 1 p.m. an unknown number of enemy planes raided Chikuto and dropped about 10 bombs. These planes were also driven back by Japanese planes and there were only a few casualties.

On receipt of information of the enemy's raid the military authorities lost no time in giving an alarm to the whole island. This was lifted at 3.42 p.m. There is no sign of any unrest throughout the island.

TOKYO PREPARES

Tokyo, Feb. 23.

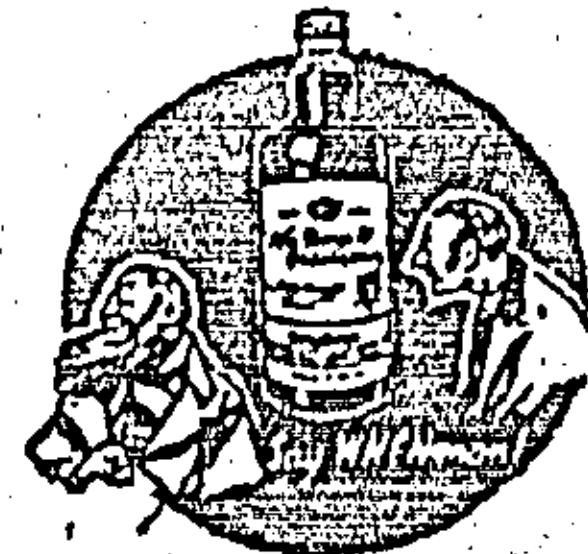
Citizens of Tokyo were startled this morning by an air raid alarm, which marked the start of a four-day air defence drill. The drill aims at training the people of Tokyo prefecture to be air minded, but there will be no mock air raids or light control.

The authorities also hope to find out the best way for disseminating the air raid alarm over Tokyo prefecture by using telephone, electric signals, sirens and rockets.—Reuter 5, c.cil.

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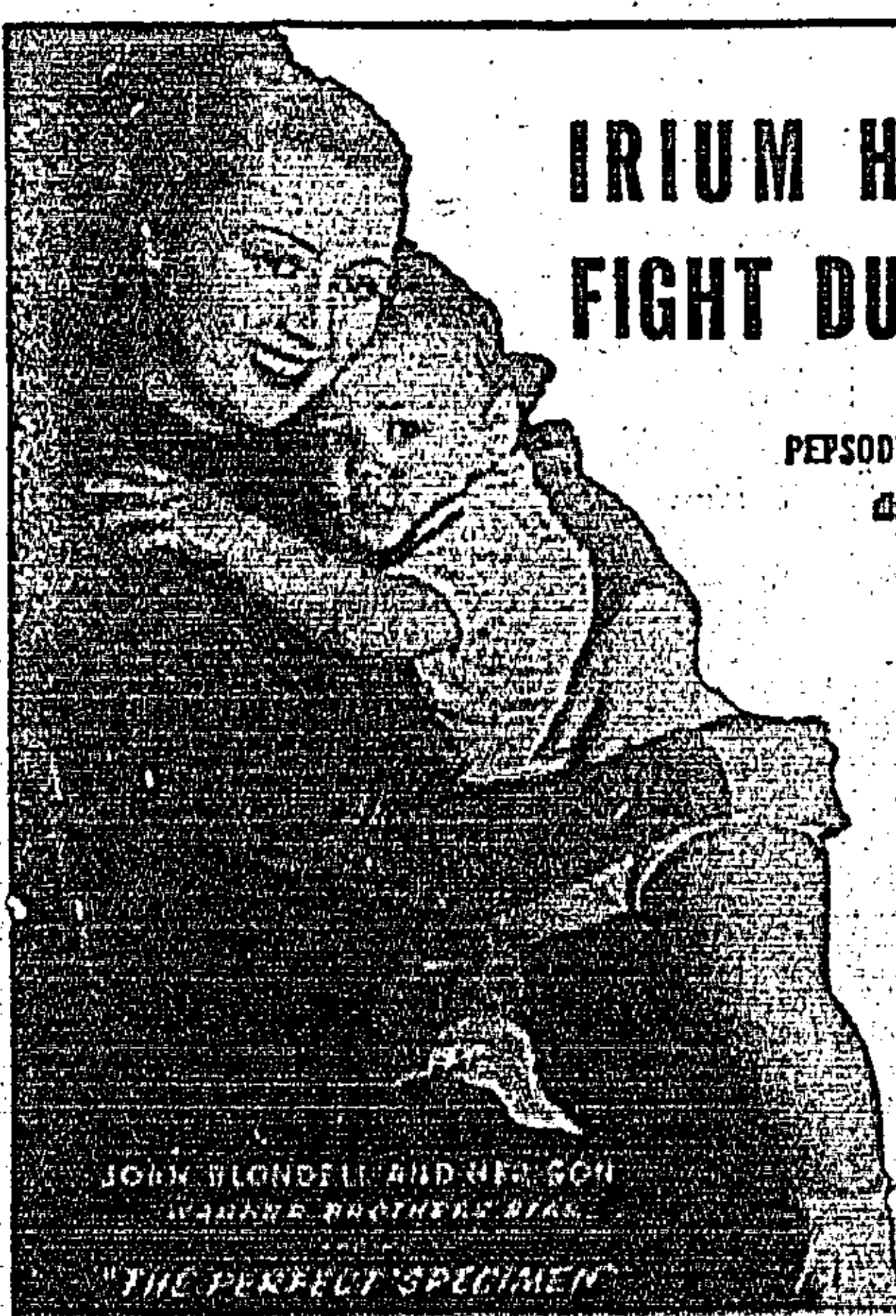
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MAJOR PROBLEM FOR BRITAIN

England's "Keep Fit Campaign" has been launched and sustained with such vigour as to be faintly surprising to those in Hongkong who have always imagined Britain to be an "A1" nation physically, and who find it difficult to believe a national drive is necessary to make the country worthy of the classification. Much of the propaganda for this campaign has been clever and subtle. Sir Kingsley Wood, as Minister of Health, has been propagandist-in-chief, but Minister of Labour Ernest Brown's appeal to housewives to reveal weekly household budgets can be fitted in logically as part of the movement. It is unlikely either has told the public all the facts prompting this campaign. Certainly the press has not done so.

The campaign is obviously designed to make Britain's youth healthier and stronger, for it is recognised that the future of the country is in youth's hands. Furthermore, they are being challenged by the youth of the Continent, notably the well physically trained youngsters of Italy and Germany. The United States continues to produce the world's greatest athletes, and although this is not necessarily an accurate indicator of the average standard of physical and mental ability in America, it is reasonably fair basis on which to assume that standard. The British Government has good reasons to feel despondent, for among the things which Sir Kingsley Wood has not told the public is that the majority of the Council and Government elementary schools in the urban and industrial districts carry a full 40 per cent. of mentally sub-normal pupils on their attendance lists. In many cases the sub-normality is such that pupils cannot be placed into classes ordinarily established by the school's curriculum, but have to be graded in standards of mentality. Neither is it possible with this type of pupil for the teachers to adopt the usual system of instruction, but they must devote themselves to laborious and heart-breaking methods in which progress is hardly discernible. Cases are not uncommon where pupils are so mentally deficient that they react strangely to the seasons, and by their behaviour threaten to become a danger to themselves and to their classmates. These conditions are known to operate to a large extent in the big cities, where sub-normality is as prevalent among the boys as among the girls. It is significant, and should be a timely pointer to the authorities, that 90 per cent. of these

True story of a man who tried to retire

THE dinner was given by the chamber of commerce specially in his honour. After making his speech Mr. Bennison sat down. As usual, it had been a success.

Gracefully he had accepted the enormous silver dish, suitably inscribed, presented to him by the members of the chamber on his retirement.

The inscription harped upon his great labours since the war in the cause of the community. The establishment of a chain of stores, the foundation of the chamber of commerce itself, stood to Mr. Bennison's credit.

HE was undoubtedly rich; in the garage next to his house on the edge of the town was a Rolls-Royce. A month earlier Mr. Bennison's company had been made public and investors had scrambled for shares in it at prices which the founder thought were ridiculously high.

All this had happened in eighteen active years; for at the end of the war ex-Private Bennison had returned to his cottage, his wife, and his two children, and hoped in vain to get back the job he had left three years earlier.

And now he was rich, respected, and from this very moment, officially retired.

FOR three months he was happy doing nothing. He played a good deal of golf, and potted optimistically in the garden and in the greenhouse.

By the beginning of the fourth month he was becoming restless, so he and his wife spent four weeks at Bournemouth. Still Mr. Bennison became irritable and visibly older.

His wife was a patient woman; she knew something must happen, so she waited.

One morning Mr. Bennison woke up and saw that snow was falling. He groaned, for he had nothing to do that day, and he would have to stay in the house. As he watched the snow, he had a sudden thought.

"Mary," he said to his wife who was still lying in bed, "I'm bored with doing nothing."

"What are you going to do about it?" she asked.

"I don't know yet," he replied.

THE snow gave place to rain in the afternoon, and by the following morning only puddles remained.

To take out a Rolls-Royce on such dirty roads was deplorable, but that was what Mr. Bennison did; and he

sub-normal children exist among the large families, the personnel of which ranges anywhere from six to thirteen. Investigators have also discovered that more often than not the sub-normal child is a later member of the family. The history of such a child will often reveal manifestation as an infant, or even at a time when the mother no longer possessed the physical means of nurturing the child. With this mental deficiency, often goes some form of physical retardation. That the authorities have long recognised the dangers threatened by such a situation is revealed by their increasing efforts to detect counter measures. Free daily supply of milk to schoolchildren, free clinical treatment, the creation of Playing Fields Associations for the annexation of areas to be used as playgrounds for the kiddies as well as for adults, and now the national "Keep Fit Campaign". It is vital. But it only scratches at the surface, and does nothing to rid the community of the many social distresses which appear to be among the root causes of such a perturbing state of affairs. Ordinary commonsense seems to demand that legislation be effected which will enable the future youth of England to be born and reared under conditions which offer a fair chance for normal mental and physical development. This is not the entire problem. But it is a very large part of it, and its removal would constitute a big step towards creating that "A1" class of nation which the British Government so urgently desires.

—S.A.G.

The "Mr. Bennison" of this article exists, but that is not his name. He retired recently, a rich man. This is what he did with his leisure.

declined to have his chauffeur with him.

At a speed befitting an elderly gentleman he drove into the deep country, making for a village with a trout stream which he had fished in the past. There was no fishing now, and when the early twilight was coming, he decided to telephone Mary to let her know that he was safe, that he would be home in a couple of hours.

At the post office in the village (call it Springleap) he called up his wife; coming out of the telephone box, he looked around him.

MR. BENNISON had never been to Springleap post office before, and he disapproved of what he saw now.

To one who had drawn up model regulations for the proper governing of seventy-eight shops it was distressing to see a large ham hanging next to a ripe display of Gents Sox.

Mr. Bennison was about to hurry out; but habit was too strong for him. He turned to the woman behind the counter.

"Much business?" he asked.
"Not a lot, sir, but it don't worry me, and my man seeing as how we're going to leave soon. Trouble is, people go into Longbourn to buy things nowadays even though it is twelve miles away and costs one and six return by bus. But we shall sell this business to whoever takes over the post office. I suppose."

"Yes," said Mr. Bennison. "Good night."

He went back home, said nothing to Mary who saw that there was something on his mind, and went to bed.

ON the following morning Mr. Bennison rose early, cursed his sciatica—it had been far worse since he had retired—went in to Longbourn and had a long talk with the postmaster. Then he went to Springleap, asked to see the books of the little shop, rejected with scorn the demand of the woman and her man for £800 for the business, and made them a cash offer of £650, which in Mr. Bennison's private opinion was still twenty-five pounds too high judging from the state of the stock.

At home again he broke the news to Mary that he was now the owner of a village store and sub-postmaster designate. She took the news very calmly, and together they decided to sell their house, such of the furniture as they would not need at Springleap, and the Rolls-Royce.

Then the two of them went to Bournemouth again. Mr. Bennison enjoyed this time because he was busy, not playing golf, but deciding what he would do with his store.

A MONTH later, a bathroom had been installed in the small house behind the post office, and the Bennisons had moved in.

Two-thirds of the stock in the shop had made a bonfire in the garden, and new goods had been imported. The food had been separated from the lingerie. The latter was Mary's special province. She knew that girls in the country like dainty undies just as much as girls in the town, and she ordered stock accordingly.

During their first week as shopkeepers the takings were twelve pounds; by the second week curiosity had been satisfied, and the takings dropped to just over nine pounds.

By the middle of June (they had gone to Springleap in May) the takings were in the village regularly each week-end, and the takings rose to 17 pounds.

Mary cheerfully started a Christmas club. The post office business was carried out by Mr. Bennison with an efficiency never before known in that or probably in any other village.

BUT of the seventeen pounds only four pounds and a few shillings were profit. That, in Mr. Bennison's opinion, was not enough. He decided that the small profit was due to the fact that he had to keep such a large and varied stock and that he had to buy in such small quantities.

So, on a Saturday morning, he took his car (a Morris), and went to the next village, six miles further out from Longbourn. There he arranged to buy the village store.

A bright-looking girl was engaged to serve behind the counter in place of the old crane who had previously owned the shop. She incidentally was more than thankful to receive a fair price for her tiny business. She promptly put the money into National Savings Certificates, thereby increasing the post office turnover at Springleap still more.

This shop was not such a big success as the other for the village was much smaller than Springleap. But it justified its existence, especially as the stock included such things as were bought by the more well-to-do local residents who did not like having to run into Longbourn every time they wanted anything more luxurious than slab chocolate or a pair of boot-laces.

WHEN I last saw Mr. Bennison, he had almost decided to have still another shop in one more village. He looked about ten years younger than he did at the chamber of commerce dinner nearly a year ago, and he was putting on weight.

Mary was quite comfortable attending to the drapery. She had never really liked the bridge and the dinner parties which had been part of the life of the wife of a successful business man.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bennison were happy, but they were not retired.

THE QUESTION ARISES

1. Who were Gog and Magog?
2. How did the hat-trick derive its name?
3. What is the significance of America's Thanksgiving Day?
4. Why are some things said to be "not worth a rap"?
5. Which is the longest river in the world?
6. When was the celebrated Eton College founded?
7. What is a Carpet Knight?
8. Who invented the first steamboat?
9. Where is the Gate of Tears?
10. How did the expression "Hobson's Choice" originate?
11. Why is it considered lucky to pick up a horseshoe?
12. What is a glutton?
13. When was Great Britain so called for the first time?
14. What is meant when a university grants a degree in "honoris causa"?
15. How is the word "navvy" derived?
16. Why does not a spider become entangled in its own web?
17. Who wrote "How doth the little busy bee improve each shining hour"?
18. Where was Mormonism founded, and by whom?
19. What is a pot-hunter?
20. Why is a woman who marries a widower with children called a step-mother?

(Answers Below)

THE "VERY IDEA"

Crisis In Hongkong: No More Kelly Chits

By Eddie Kelly, Foreign Mister

NEWS of the political crisis in England is likely to be overshadowed by grave developments in Hongkong.

Captain Anthony Edward Kelly may refuse to sign any further chits unless the Hongkong Hotel recognises his signature.

Mr. Neville Taggart is almost certain to accept Captain Kelly's resignation.

It is feared, however, that Mr. Taggart will find little support from the Hongkong Hotel bar boys.

Withdrawal of Captain Kelly from active participation in Hongkong Hotel affairs of State will, it is feared, mean serious financial loss to these supporters of the Taggart regime.

"Captain Kelly has regularly paid his cumshaw in cash," one of the boys said this morning.

Premier Taggart is likely to be adamant.

"If we do not refuse to accept Captain Kelly's signature there is almost certain to be war with Signor Grayburn," he said.

Reception of the news of the crisis is varied.

MR. THOMSON (Secretary, Dairy Farm Co.) Naturally, we are delighted. Captain Kelly will doubtless turn his energies to our milk.

J. H. RUTTONJEE (Director, Hongkong Brewery): This is a calamity. Capt. Kelly is deserting the Empire Cordiale.

P. CHIESSEX (Gloucester Hotel): Premier Taggart has our fullest support.

ANSWERS TO "THE QUESTION ARISES"

1. Many references are made to Gog and Magog in the Bible, but in British legend they represent the sole survivors of a monstrous brood sprung from the infamous daughters of the Emperor in Diocletian. They were brought to London in chains, and made to do duty as porters at the royal palace, on the present site of Guildhall, where their empires have been seen at least since the reign of Henry V.

2. A bowler who took three wickets with three successive balls used to be entitled to a new hat at the expense of his club.

3. A custom dating back from the "Mayflower" Pilgrims after their first harvest in 1621. Celebrated on the last Thursday in November, it is marked especially by family reunions.

4. To indicate that a thing is practically worthless. The rap was a base halfpenny, intrinsically worth about half a farthing, circulated in Ireland in 1721.

5. The Amazon in South America is approximately 4,700 miles long.

6. In 1440 by Henry VI.

7. One who gains a knighthood for services rendered to the nation, but not on the battle-field. An ancient expression, it probably alludes to the preference shown by non-martial knights for the carpeted drawing-room over the tented field.

8. A Spaniard named Garry in 1643 drove a boat of 200 tons with paddle wheels, which revolved by the agency of boiling water. The Charlotte Dundas was the first practical steamboat. It was built on the Clyde, Scotland, in 1801.

9. The passage into the Red Sea. It was named thus by the Arabs because the number of shipwrecks that took place there.

10. From the business methods of one Tobias Hobson, a carrier and innkeeper at Cambridge in the 17th century. When a person came to hire a horse from Hobson he was obliged to take the animal which stood nearest the door, that particular horse or none at all. The customers had no choice, as the proprietor's attitude was "Take it or leave it."

11. This superstition traces back to the times when it was thought that a horseshoe nailed to the house door was a protection against the witch.

Legend tells us that one day the devil asked the farmer-saint Dunstan to shoe his "single hoof." Recognising the evil one, Dunstan refused, but the devil was released on condition that he would never enter a place where there was a horseshoe displayed.

12. An animal living in North America. A kind of weasel, it grows to a length of about three feet and has

an enormous appetite.

13. When King James of Scotland became King James I. of England and so united the two countries (1604).

14. The recipient does not have to pass the usual examinations. The degree is awarded to him "for the sake of honour."

15. A contraction of navigator. Canals were thought of as the veins of inland navigation, and the men employed in excavating canals were called navigators, which eventually was shortened to "navvy."

16. Due to the fact that the spider walks on the comb-like claws of its feet, which, because they are very smooth, can be hooked into and lifted out from the thread with ease.

17. Isaac Watts—"Divine Songs."

18. In the New England State of Vermont, by Joseph Smith, in 1820. He was cited 39 times into court's of law, and was assassinated by a gang of ruffians while in prison. His successor was Brigham Young, who led the "Saints" driven by force from home, to Utah, where they settled.

19. A winner of prizes than on the sports; it is, of course a term of reproach among sportsmen.

20. The prefix "step" indicates that the person spoken of is a relative only by marriage. It comes from the Anglo-Saxon word step, which is connected with stepped, meaning "stepped."

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NEW BLOOD NEEDED IN LOCAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Weekly Hockey Notes By "The Pilgrim"

MACAO LUCKY TO WIN MATCH United Clubs Lose In Last Minute

The rain which fell continually in the forenoon and in spasms during the game made conditions unpleasant for the players in the hockey match between the United Clubs and Macao at Macao last Sunday. Nevertheless play was fast and exciting despite the slippery surface.

The U.H.C. played better hockey but failed to achieve victory because luck was with the other side. With 20 seconds to go for the final whistle, Rozario scored the winning goal. Dobson, the Hongkong goalkeeper, slipped when attempting to kick clear.

In the first half Macao had slightly the better of the play though the account on two occasions through Dunno and Ned. A brilliant save was also made by Almada, the Portuguese goalkeeper, when he deflected a rasping first-liner off Britan Nath for a corner. Thereafter, except for brief periods, the U.H.C. were kept in their own half, but whenever the halves were beaten, Guest and Datta Ram came to the rescue with fine clearances. The interval was reached with a blank score sheet.

On resumption play was carried on from one end to the other with both goalkeepers doing well. Dobson saved a certain goal when he got in the way of a terrific drive from Ramalho. The U.H.C. maintain pressure however, when S. A. Fowler and Partau went very near to scoring, but the latter missed an open goal when he shot wildly from five yards after beating the defence on his own.

The home team exerted more pressure during several sporadic attacks but could make no headway against the visitors' safe defence. Ramalho Singh in particular giving a grand display at left half.

A LUCKY GOAL

Thirty seconds towards the end during a scrimmage in front of the visitors' goal, H. Rozario sent in a fumbled drive and Dobson, in trying to kick clear, slipped, only to see the ball roll over the goal line. The game ended soon after a vivid great jubilation among the Macao supporters.

The U.H.C. defence was superior to Macao's but the attack was disappointing. Negi was seen in place of Sawal Khan at inside right, a position unfamiliar to him, and Britan Nath at centre forward consequently suffered from lack of support. Dunno, at inside left, was also off form and could hardly hold his feet on the wet ground. The Macao intermediate line put up a sterling defence, Alex Airosa, at centre half, proving himself a genius of the highest order, and so was L. Costa, at left half. R. Rosario, at right back, was in splendid form whilst Almada never looked like letting anything go past him. Slater, a newcomer and leader of the home attack, was useful and the rich flank, with Ramalho and F. Nolasco, was making a fine combination. In spite of the rain which prevailed, an enthusiastic crowd—typical of Macao—gathered to watch the match.

A drawn game would have been a fair result.

NOTES OF CURRENT INTEREST

DURING my visit to Macao last Sunday, I learned from a very reliable source that L. de Costa, better known as the "father of hockey" in Macao, will be returning to the Portuguese colony early next year. This is encouraging news, as keen followers of the game are of the opinion that since his departure, a great deal of interest has been lost in the game in general in Macao.

THE United Hockey Clubs are promoting a rather unique game between Veterans and Youngsters. The former will consist of players of 25 years of age and over, and the youngsters of 25 years and under. The match should prove very interesting—a test of what youth and strength can do against age and experience. The teams will be announced later.

THE following are requested to take part in the English Trial on the Police Training School ground this afternoon at 4.15 p.m. White shirts:

Dobson and Wotton (R.E.); Guest (P.C.); Divett (Club); Howlett (Police); Robinson (R.A.F.); S. A. Fowler and Boyd (Club); Dunno, Jackson and Stickey (Mild-)

FORMER CHAMPIONS SURPRISED

C.B.A. Ladies Win Caor Clark Came

The C.B.A. Ladies created a surprise in the only Caor Clark Cup fixture last Saturday when, on their home ground, at King's Park, they defeated the Hongkong Ladies by a lone goal scored by Mrs. White in the first half of the game.

There was never any doubt of the C.B.A.'s superiority and if there had been the method thrown into the attack by the wingers, the total would have been appreciably higher. C.B.A.'s well-deserved victory so late in the season may be attributed partly to their splendid half-backs and backs. Miss A. Woolley, at right half, and Miss B. Parsons, at left half, were brilliant in their tackling and behind them Miss P. Whitley and Miss P. Woolley broke up several dangerous raids before they developed. From the start the winners attacked and were rewarded late in the first half when Mrs. White, at centre forward, topped the ball past Mrs. Lunsom, from a pass off her sister, Miss A. Woolley.

On resumption, the Hongkong Ladies took play over to their opponents' area but their forwards spoiled their movements by hurried passing. Miss J. Dalziel and Miss Marsh formed a speedy right wing combination without being dangerous. Miss Pope, at centre half, was



Mrs. Lunsom, of the Hongkong Ladies, who played a splendid game against C.B.A. last Saturday.

her usual energetic self and on the day's play was the most reliable defender. Miss Gray and Miss Heibling, the visiting full backs, were good and did some useful work but their right and left halves could have done better. After ten minutes play, in the second period, the C.B.A. dominated play and though they made several promising raids, Mrs. Lunsom, in goal for the Hongkong Ladies, displayed clever anticipation to stop the opposing attack. The C.B.A. gave an excellent display but I am afraid it has come rather late in the season.

JOE LOUIS HEAVIER THAN MANN

New York, Feb. 23. Joe Louis, the heavyweight champion of the world, who will defend his title against Nathan Mann at Madison Square Garden to-night, weighed in at 200 pounds, while his opponent turned the scales at 193½ pounds.

The betting remains at 4-1 in favour of the champion.—United Press.

THE Hongkong Hockey Club will be visiting Macao on Sunday, February 27, and if fine weather prevails a keen game should be seen. The Club has got a splendid attack in Whitley, Divett and Blackford will find Almada, Costa and Rosario pretty tough obstacles to overcome.

MRS. Traill, the C.B.A. Ladies' centre-half, was unable to take the field against the Hongkong Ladies last Saturday as she was laid up with an attack of flu. Miss B. Parsons, who deputized for her, gave an excellent all round exhibition.

BROWN Cup fixtures for Saturday: Recreation v. Seaford Ladies ("Y" Ground, 3 p.m.); C.B.S. ("Y" v. St. Andrews (C.B.A. Ground, 5 p.m.); C.B.A. v. C.B.S. ("A" (C.B.S. Ground, 3 p.m.).



Members of the Islington O'riathians' football team who defeated the Kowloon C.C. at Cricket yesterday by seven wickets. Front Row (left to right)—B. Whitehead, J. Braburn, G. Dance, Dick Manning, "Pat" Clark, H. C. Read (Capt. of Cricket team), J. K. Wright, G. Pearce, W. Miller and "Sunny" Avery. Back Row (left to right)—J. Sherwood, A. J. Martin and Dick Tarrant. (Photo: Yuen Chun Studio).

RUNNERS MUST HAVE COURAGE

Wooderson No Stylist

S. C. Wooderson, holder of the world mile running record, has not an attractive running style, said members of the British Empire Games team in Sydney recently.

They believe that he accomplishes his fast times by concentration, courage and good living.

Members of the British team were sorry that Wooderson could not go to Australia with them.

The general manager of the British teams (Mr. Evan Hunter) said that the reason was that he had to sit soon for a final Law examination. The trip might have interfered with his professional prospects.

Wooderson's world record time is 4min. 0.3-55sec.

"That achievement indicates how great a runner he is," said Mr. Hunter.

Wooderson took his running very seriously, said Mr. Hunter. He was a quiet, shy boy, and most popular in England.

Members of the team said that he was either a tactician or very nearly one. "And I am sure he does not smoke," said Mr. Hunter.

MIND AND MUSCLE

"He is small, but has fairly long legs, which are shapely. Maybe that has much to do with his running ability," went on Mr. Hunter.

Mr. Hunter emphasised a rule in all forms of athletics which was observed by Wooderson—success could not be achieved without the fullest application of endeavour with mind and muscle.

Wooderson wore glasses when he ran. He could not see without them, explained Mr. Hunter, who said that Wooderson began his athletic career as a public school boy. He was now about 23.

Mr. Hunter was asked if Wooderson was making any plans for the Tokyo Olympic Games in 1940. "We do not make plans that far ahead in England," intervened one of the athletic champions.

SWEEPSTAKE RACES

Kittiwake And Colleen Score Victories

Kittiwake and Colleen were first in their respective classes in the sweepstake races held by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club yesterday, over a course of 7.25 miles. "A" class started at 14.45 and mixed classes at 14.55.

"A" Class

Kittiwake	Finished	Corrd. Pos.
(Miss P. M. King)	10.34.30	1
Evo	10.37.00	2
Redbank	10.38.34	3
Teal	10.41.40	4
Artemis	10.42.34	5
Painted Lady	10.46.47	6
Jean	D.N.F.	

Mixed Classes

Colleen	10.41.23	1
Widgeon	10.49.10	2
Strius	10.54.15	3
Dianna	10.59.30	4
Heron	11.03.24	5
Gael	17.00.00	6

Don Bradman Over The Jumps

London. The horse, Don Bradman, is much supported for the Grand National Steeplechase, for which there are 79 entries—19 more than in 1937.

The *Empire News* says: "He is going to be as much in the news, as his Australian namesake."

Unlike the cricketer, the horse does not possess great speed, but is a rare plodder and reliable jumper.

The Americans, who have never won at Aintree, have entered a plucky little winner of the American Grand National, Battleship.

CALL-OVER FOR GRAND NATIONAL

De La Chance Made Favourite

London, Feb. 23. The following is the call-over for the Grand National:

100/8 De La Chance (o)	20/1 Blue Shirt (o)
18/1 Takvor Pacha (o), 20/1 (t)	18/1 Dunhill Castle (o)
20/1 Royal Mail (o), 25/1 (t)	20/1 Drimmoreland (o)
22/1 Coolken (o)	25/1 Davy Jones (o)
25/1 Pucka Belle (o)	25/1 Bachelor Prince (o)
28/1 Royal Danelli (o)	28/1 Inverslough (o)

—Reuter.

THE LINCOLNSHIRE

London, Feb. 23. The call-over of the Lincolnshire is as follows:

100/7 Squadron Castle (o)	100/7 Galsonia (o), 100/8 (t)
100/6 Scarlet Princess (o)	10/1 Peter Kane (o)
20/1 Gunboat (o)	20/1 Gibbons (o)
20/1 Discard (o)	25/1 Horripole (o), 33/1 (t)
25/1 Laureat (o)	25/1 Allegiance (o)
25/1 Pampus Grass (o)	25/1 Moody (o)
25/1 King's Gap (o)	25/1 Dan Bulger (o)
25/1 Kyles of Minard (o)	

—Reuter.

Home Football

VILLA MOVING UP TO TOP

Level Terms With Sheffield United

London, Feb. 23.

Aston Villa made further progress in the Second Division of the English Football League to-day when, playing at home, they defeated Plymouth by three goals to all. As a result of this victory, they have drawn level with Sheffield United at the head of the table, with the advantage of having a game in hand.

Manchester United and Tottenham were the successful teams in the other two games played in this division to-day.

SCORES:

Aston Villa	3	Plymouth	0
Manchester U.	4	West Ham	0
Tottenham	2	Sheff. Utd.	2

LEAGUE TABLE

The following are the leading positions:

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.	
Aston Villa	29 17 0 0 53 24 40

Macao Awaits Corinthians

Visit Eagerly Being Looked Forward To

Our Own Correspondent

Macao, Feb. 23.

No small interest is vested in the forthcoming visit of the Islington Corinthians to Macao, and old and young alike of every section of the community eagerly await the occasion when the British players will engage the Macao side which will consist of the pick of players from local soccer clubs.

The visitors will arrive here on Monday, Feb. 28, by the morning steamer, and will make a sightseeing tour of the Colony prior to a luncheon to be held at the Riviera Hotel.

At 4 p.m. the match will be played within the Cambridge enclosure. It will be attended by H.E. the Governor of Macao, Dr. A. Tamagnini Barbosa, who has given his wholehearted support to the unique sporting event. Among others, Mr. F. J. Gellion, British Vice Consul for Macao, is devoting himself to the work of reception. The Nam Fong Football Association is taking an active part in the organization, and the Argonauta Club will be in charge of the game. Reception and working committees have also been formed.

The match will be refereed by Mr. Lee Wai-long, and the Macao team will consist of the following players: Goal—Delfim Carvalho (Tenebrosa).

Backs—Francisco Lobato (Artillery), Ho Cho-seng (Argonauta).

Halfs—Manuel Magalhães (Argonauta), Lee King-choi (Nam Fong), Alex Airosa (Artillery).

Forwards—Arthur Santos (Artillery), Antonio Collaco—Capt. (Tenebrosa), Tam Kong-pak (Nam Fong), Lau Chung-sang (Nam Fong), Lau Chung-kwan (Nam Fong).

Reserves—Jose Fernandes (Artillery), Manuel Rego (Tenebrosa), Amado Gande (Artillery), Lei Nga (Police), Joao Santos (Artillery).

Macao's players will wear blue shirts bearing the red Maltese Cross on the left breast, white shorts and blue hose.

The Corinthians team will consist of: Longman; Clark; Buchanan; Martin; Whitaker; Wright; Manning; Bradbury; Tarrant; Avery; Miller.

The visitors will be entertained to dinner later in the evening, and will sail for Hongkong at 3 a.m. on Tuesday, March 1.

—Reuter.

MARRIAGE OF GOLF CHAMPION

Mr. Jim Ferrier, the New South Wales State amateur and close golf champion, was married quietly last month to Miss Norma Jennings, of Cooee, at All Saints Church, Woolloomooloo.

They became engaged about 18 months ago.

Golf has always been a common bond between Mr. Ferrier and his bride. She is well-known in Sydney as an amateur player and is a member of the N.S.W. and The Lakes clubs. Together, they have made an excellent playing combination, and have won many club matches. She has accompanied Mr. Ferrier around the course in all his matches.

Their wedding arrangements were kept a close secret, and neither the bride nor bridegroom were attended. Only their parents were at the church, where Archdeacon Langley officiated.

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SAME PLAYERS SUCCESSFUL EVERY SEASON OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS PROSPECTS DISCUSSED

(By "Abe")

Looking at the entries and the draw of the Colony Tennis Championships organised annually by the Hongkong Cricket Club, it seems to me that unless some of the newcomers are of outstanding merit or unless our junior players have shown great improvement during the last twelve months, the titles will in all probability be contested once again amongst the same few who have, at one time or other, won them during the last few years.

Nearly all the names entered for the singles and doubles are familiar, only a few are strange, but it is to be hoped that amongst them will be found one or two players good enough to reach the important stages of the competition so that new blood may be introduced into the concluding rounds. It has been monotonous to see the same few players in the semi-finals and finals year after year.

Little hope is held out that apart from the Rumjahn cousins, the Tsui brothers, W. C. Hung, E. C. Fletcher, M. W. Lo and perhaps A. Crawford and T. A. Pearce the other local players will go very far. I can name several who have participated in the annual championships for years, play with regularity and yet never seem to improve. They are serious, plucky and entirely likeable in the way they have joined up year after year but they seldom survive the first two rounds. Certainly not from these will the champions, both singles and doubles, be found.

LOOK TO NEWCOMERS

Rather we should look to the newcomers to help us in raising our standard of play in the open championships. We cannot say that the standard in the last tournament was high. Far from it. In fact it was one of the lowest in years.

While it is the general hope that a higher level will be reached this year, it is a sad commentary on local talent to say that H. D. Rumjahn, the defending singles champion, is almost assured of entering the final. And this, before the tournament has even commenced! The only player capable of stopping him seems to be Tsui Yan-pui, who he will not meet until the semi-final stage.

With Tsui Wai-pui, the Chinese Davis Cup player and former Colony champion, in the top quarter, I doubt very much whether anybody will be able to stand up to him there. E. C. Fletcher, A. Crawford or Luk King-chung will be his opponent in the quarter-final.

S. A. Rumjahn has little opposition in his quarter and seems certain of getting into the last eight. Were it not for his recent leg injury, Lee Wai-long would also be assured of a place in the quarter-finals; but so soon after his fracture he cannot obviously be at his best. His first-round opponent is S. A. Gray, and the winner of this match will probably go far owing to the fact there is little opposition in this quarter.

It would appear to me that the quarter-finals will probably be: Tsui Wai-pui v. E. C. Fletcher; S. A. Rumjahn v. Lee Wai-long; Tsui Yan-pui v. J. W. Leonard; W. C. Hung v. H. D. Rumjahn.

DOUBLES TITLE

On paper there are only three pairs worth considering. They are S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn (holders); Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui (former champions) and E. C. Fletcher and W. C. Hung, who have gone very close to winning the title.

A study of the draw will reveal that while the Tsui brothers have a fairly easy passage to the final, the other two pairs will clash in the quarter-finals of the top half.

The selection of Tsui Wai-pui to represent China in the Davis Cup last year prevented him and his brother from defending the doubles title which they won from the Rumjahn cousins in 1936. But will they be able to repeat the performance this year? The Rumjahns are certainly not as formidable as of yore, but they have not yet lost their touch; they are still capable of lifting the trophy again. The task, however, is harder now because they have two stiff obstacles to overcome.



H. D. Rumjahn For him, an easy passage to semi-finals.

Successful Schoolmasters



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How Much Do You Think You're Worth?

ASKS S. E. R. WYNNE

DO you know what is a juryman's worst job? That's easy, most people would answer: giving a verdict in a murder trial.

And most people would be wrong.

The most difficult task any juryman can face is estimating the value of someone else's life.

Have you ever thought about that? About how much you are worth—not in cash in the Post Office Savings Bank, but as a productive unit in the social system? Have you ever asked yourself what is the capital value of a human life?

The odds are heavily against even a brief pause for such obscure consideration. For there is no basis of calculation, no standard of values—well, none worth preserving.

Yet these are questions that someone ought to try to answer. Because to know how valuable the individual is to the community is economically important—and darned interesting!

An official of the Canadian Bureau of Statistics has declared that at birth every boy is worth £1,800 to his country and (I regret to record it) every girl is worth £900.

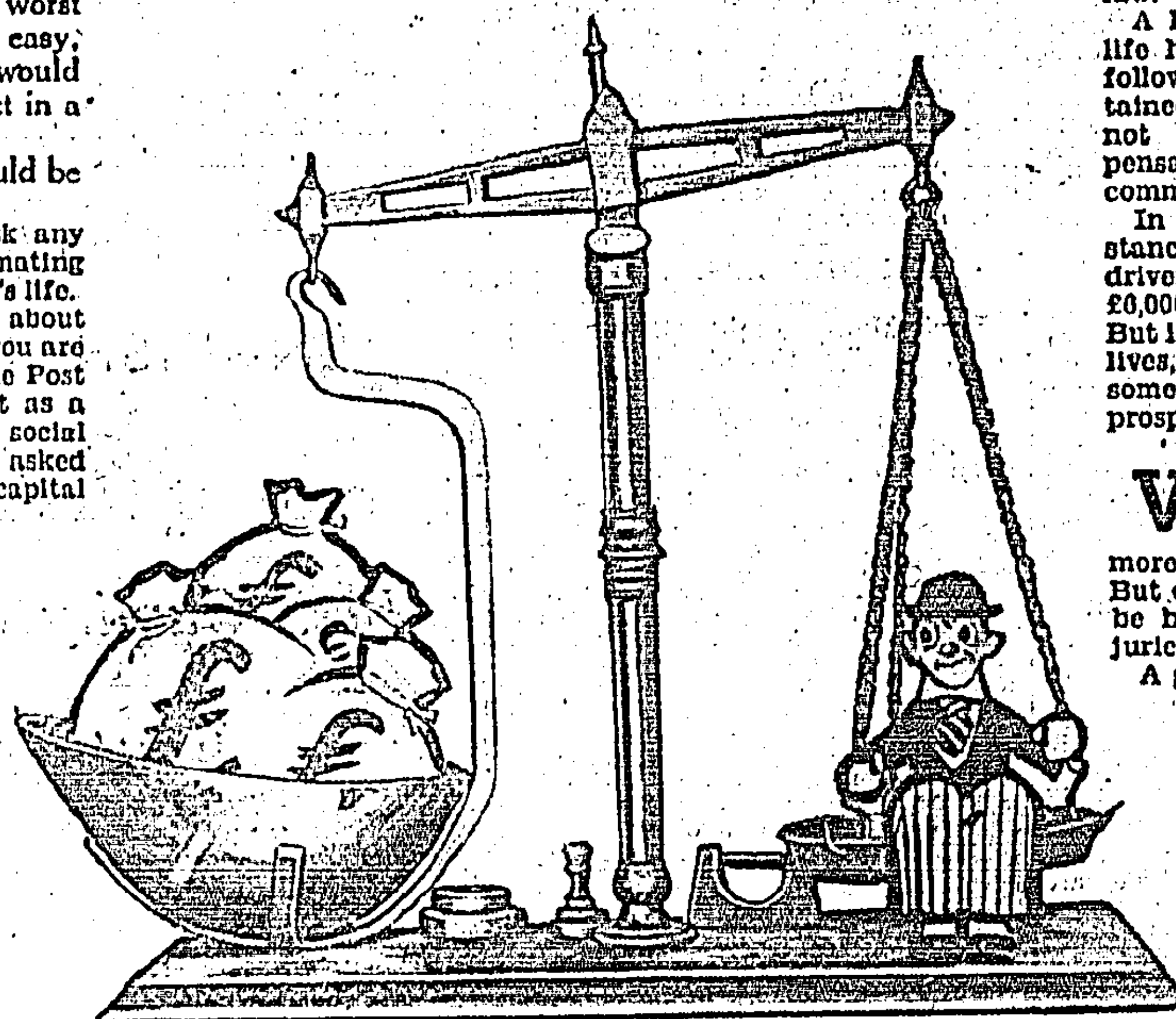
And, at 35, the man-child, he says, has increased in value to £6,000 while the woman-child's capitalised earning power has become £3,000.

But these are slump prices—the last slump, at that. They were current in 1931.

THREE years later, the head of the Reich Health Office began to think about the subject. And in due course he declared that every German in possession of his "full working capacity" was worth to the State between £15,000 and £20,000.

Now that is odd: for the other departments of the Reich provide little evidence that they value life so highly. But, then, do we?

The one standard which permits of any kind of official reckoning in this country puts the value of the life of a married man at between £300 and £800. A working man, he has to be.



For this standard is provided by the Workmen's Compensation Acts. And this is what these Acts do:

If a married man without children dies as a result of an industrial accident his widow may obtain as damages "£200 or a sum equal to her husband's earnings during the previous three years—up to £300."

If children also were dependent upon him that sum may be increased to a maximum of £800.

In case you consider this maximum ungenerous you may like to know that it was fixed thirty years ago. Seventeen years back the Holman Gregory Commission recommended that it be increased to £800. It has not been increased. And there is no guarantee that even the present paltry maximum is always paid.

FOR the State recognises that all employers are liable when their workpeople are involved in accidents; but it conveniently omits to compel the employer to insure against the risk. In the House of Commons the

other day Jack Jones asked that these anomalies be ended. His motion was defeated. You should look up the names of those Tory M.P.s who decided that a working man's life is worth only £300 to his widow. Are the wealthy content with such a reckoning? Of course not.

RECENTLY a man earning £40 a week was killed in a road accident. His family brought an action for compensation. For the pain and suffering to which he was subjected they received £25. For the expenses of his funeral they were paid £92 10s. His widow was awarded £5,015, his daughter £500, his elder son £300, his younger son £700.

You will not object to this man's life being valued at £5,002 10s. You will disappoint me if you aren't profoundly angry that a working man's life is still officially valued at £300. Three hundred pounds is, in fact, an exaggeration. In the last year for which returns are available Workmen's Compensation payments in fatal acci-

dent cases averaged £200. Nor is this the only anomaly of the law.

A London working busman's life has been valued at £3,500 following a court decision obtained by his union—fighting not under Workmen's Compensation legislation, but at common law.

In somewhat similar circumstances, the value of a lorry driver's life has been put at £8,000, a stevedore's at £7,500. But in each case the victim still lives, and the greater award is some recompense for health and prospects shattered.

WELL, that is reasonable; you expect the figure to be rather more than that miserable £200. But do you expect the figure to be higher for less serious injuries?

A girl has just been awarded £2,250 for the loss of two fingers; another girl £2,500 as compensation for a mutilated arm. Too much? Not a bit; but they do show that the Workmen's Compensation figures are too small.

There are the distinctions: £7,500 for a stevedore, who will never work again; £2,250 for a girl who has lost two fingers; £300 (perhaps) for the widow of a factory worker. There is the conclusion: we have no idea at all about how much a human life is worth.

How muddled we are on this subject Mr. Justice Singleton emphasised at Manchester Assizes in dealing with a claim for loss of expectation of life.

He mentioned four cases in which judges and juries had variously estimated the cash value of human life. For a child of three the figure was put at £90; for a child of eight at £1,500; for a man and a woman both in their twenties at £1,000 apiece.

And just to help matters along Mr. Justice Singleton, in the case which he was hearing, put the figure at £962—for a 74-years-old man.

MR. JUSTICE SINGLETON may have been as generous as those who refuse to improve the Workmen's Compensation Acts are mean. We don't know. But we ought to know.

For if, instead of the elusive x, we could value a man's life in pounds, shillings and pence, we should at once begin properly to respect the life that sum would represent.

We should see that it represented his skill and technical ability—for the worker has no other capital.

We should see that every increase would be a gain to the community, every decrease a loss.

We should see that it would be worth while improving standards of health and conditions of employment—if not in the interests of the individual at least in the interests of the State.

Why, we might even get those Tory M.P.s to agree to raise the Workmen's Compensation average above £200!

Kowloon Tiger Back Again

Big Animal Seen At Chungshawan

A six-foot long tiger was sighted by a Chinese in the vicinity of Chungshawan on Tuesday.

He reported to the police that about 2.30 p.m. while looking from a window of his house, he saw the animal chasing a dog in the vegetable plantation beside his residence.

The dog was not caught and finally the tiger ran away in the direction of Tai Po Road. Claw prints were visible in the field where the tiger had been running.

The tiger was estimated to weigh about 200lb and bore black and yellow stripes at its neck.

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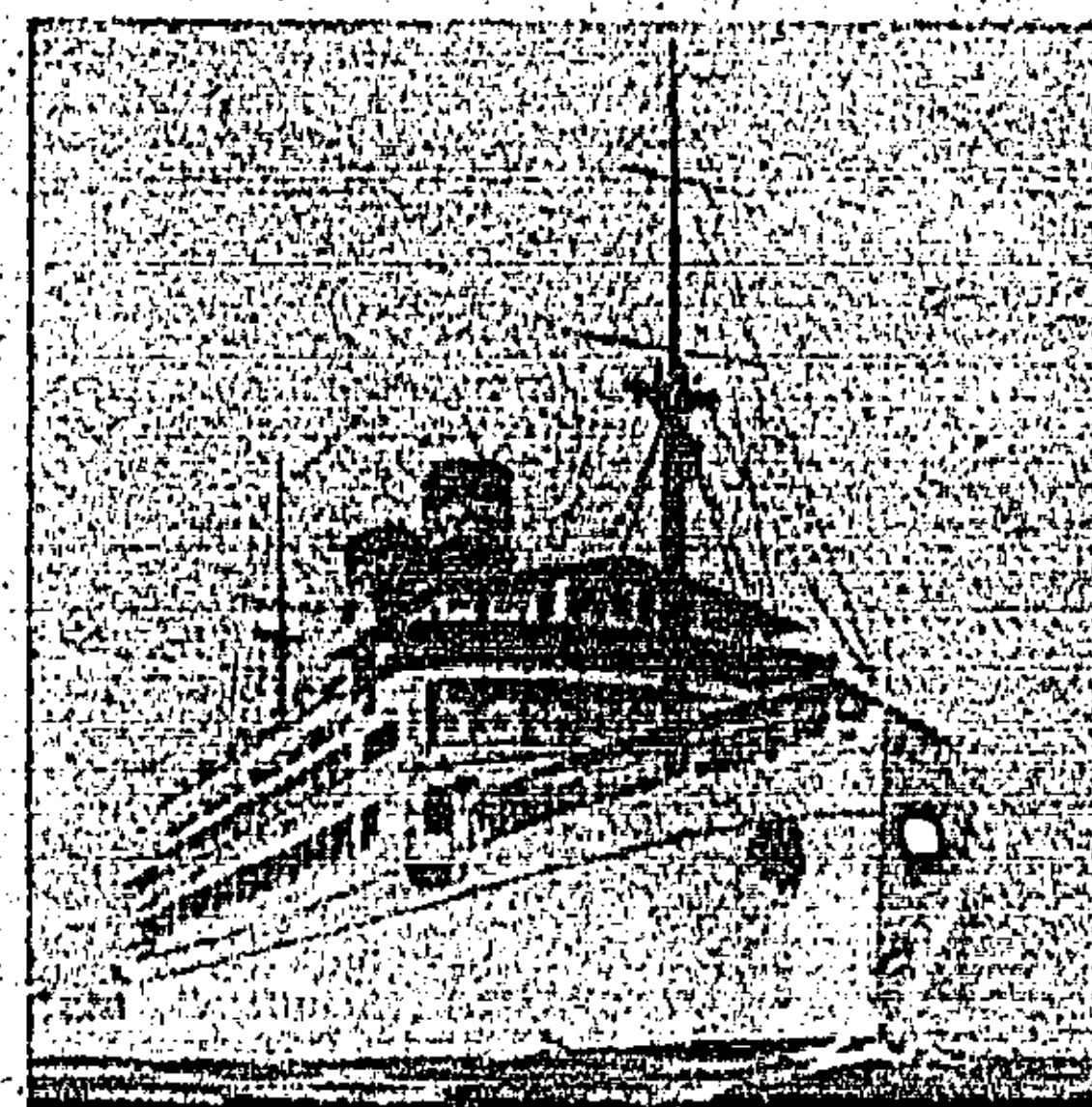
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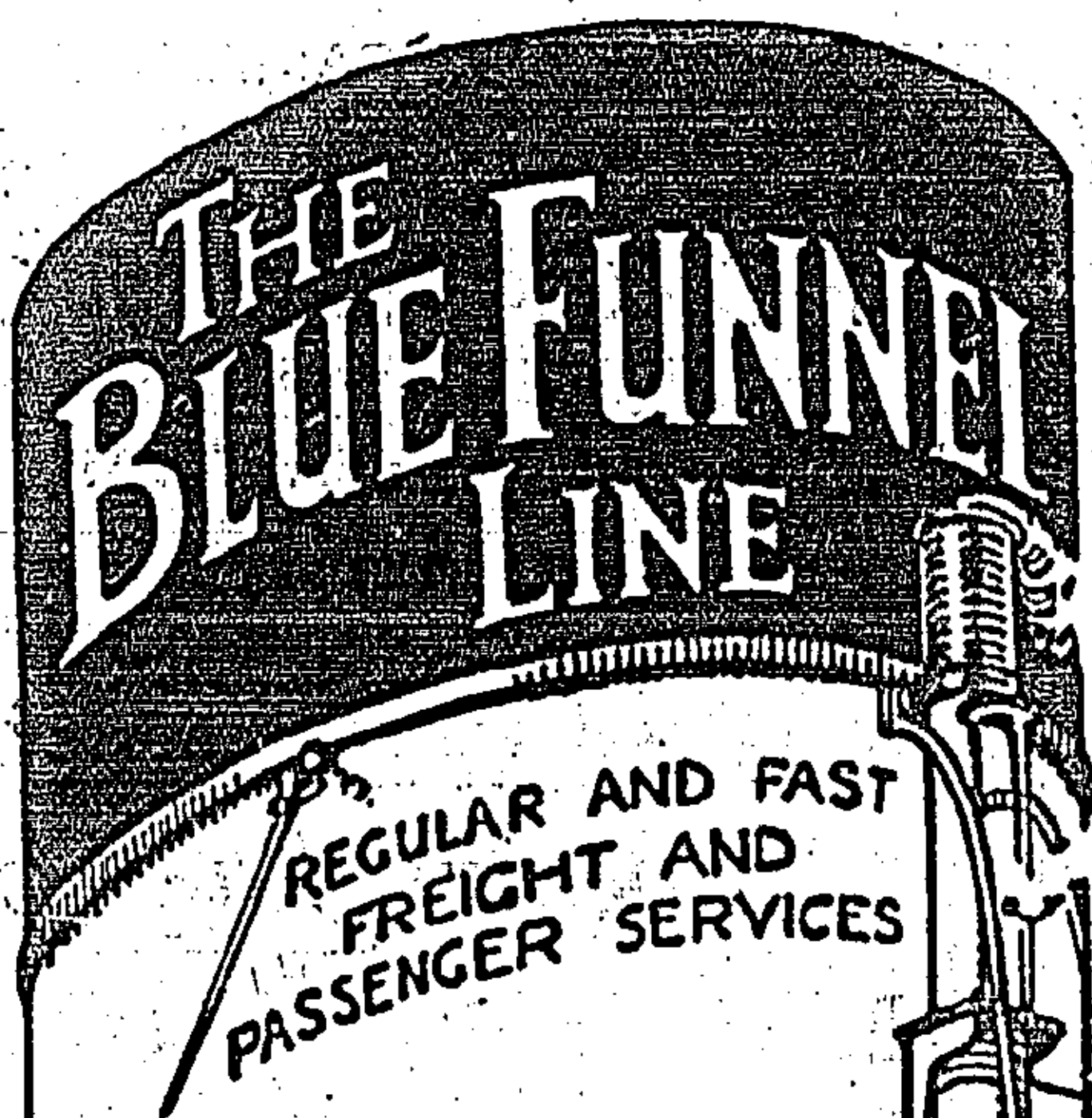
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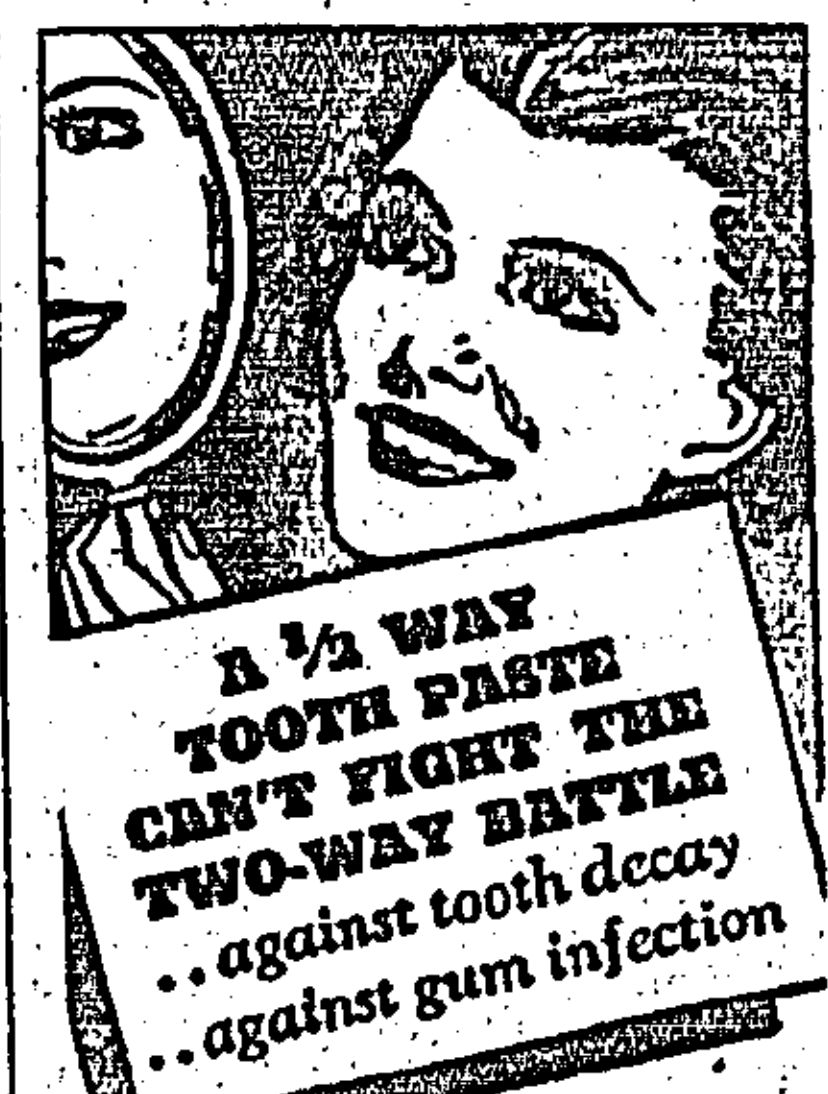
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"Successful vaccination provides almost one hundred per cent. immunity against smallpox."

"It is interesting and instructive to note that, of the 512 deaths from small-pox between January 1, and February 20 all but one or two isolated cases were not vaccinated."

"Ninety per cent. of the total deaths were of unvaccinated children below the age of five years," declares Dr. D. J. Valentine.

"Of 450 dead bodies removed to the public mortuaries, only a very small percentage were of adults. At least 400 were of children aged less than two years."

"It seems that European as well as Chinese residents of Hongkong do not realise that vaccination is compulsory in this Colony."

"Within six weeks of the birth of every infant, a responsibility devolves upon the parent or guardian to see that it is vaccinated, and there is a heavy penalty for non-compliance."

"Not only children born in the Colony, but children introduced here from other centres must undergo vaccination, and again the duty devolves upon parent or guardian to see that this is done within six weeks of arrival."

"The only way we can cope with smallpox is by mass vaccination, and the populace—both Chinese and European—must co-operate in this direction."

"In regard to the present epidemic, which has already claimed over 500 lives, am happy to state my conviction that the peak has already been passed, and the daily totals should substantially decrease each 24 hours from now onwards."

Decrease Apparent

The foregoing statements were made by the Director of Medical Services, Dr. Valentine, in an interview with the Telegraph this morning.

In forecasting a gradual subsidence in the number of cases each week, Dr. Valentine pointed out that the decrease actually commenced shortly before the Chinese New Year.

"Normal decrease in the number of cases was, however, checked through the crowded nature of the streets and residences in the Chinese section of the Colony during the New Year holidays."

"The incubation period is 14 days, and the fact that last week's incidence was the highest recorded during the current epidemic is attributable to the excessive number of contacts made during the crowded holidays."

"Departmental graphs show that the mortality rate is definitely lessening, and I anticipate that there will be 100 or 150 cases this week, compared with 220 last week."

Excess Population

"Smallpox is endemic during the winter months, and the number of cases this winter has been excessive mainly because of the excess population—it is estimated that there are at least 250,000 refugees in the Colony—brought about by events in China."

"We have found that smallpox occurs in cycles. For instance, in the winter of 1923-24, there were 1,784 cases—many more than will be recorded during the current epidemic. There were over 1,200 cases in 1925-26, and again in 1926-27 there was an epidemic of some proportions. In the intervening years the Colony was fairly free from the disease. The ordinary cycle, which was bound to increase the incidence, is now being broken by the 1927-28 epidemic."

New British Aircraft Big Success

London, Feb. 23.
The Maya composite aircraft made a successful official demonstration flight today at Rochester, when the upper component separated and climbed easily away from the carrier flyingboat at 700 feet.—British Wireless.

SEAFORTH'S GOING TO SHANGHAI

Loyal Regiment To
Go To Singapore

The 1st Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders, is leaving Hongkong for Shanghai on March 25. The Battalion will relieve the 2nd Battalion, the Loyal Regiment which has been at Shanghai through several trying months and is now due for transfer.

The transport Somersetshire is making a special trip from Singapore next month to effect the change. She will arrive in Hongkong about March 10 and will go into dock before embarking the Seaforths on March 25.

The Somersetshire will go direct from Shanghai to Singapore on the return trip with the Loyals.

The movement is in accordance with the decision, taken many months ago, to retain two British battalions at Shanghai. When the change takes place there will then be the Seaforth Highlanders and the 1st Battalion, the Durham Light Infantry at the northern port.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR REACHES SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Feb. 22.
Sir Archibald Kerr, British Ambassador to China, arrived here by H.M.S. "Penguin" at 10 o'clock this morning.

Labour Demands British General Election

JAPANESE AIR RAID ALARM SOUNDED

Chinese Sighted On
Course Which May
Mean Danger

Fukuoka, Feb. 24.

As a result of information received that 12 Chinese planes had passed over Hangchow, flying eastward, the western Japanese defence headquarters issued an air raid warning throughout Kyushu at 11.40 a.m., including Nagasaki.—Reuter.

Fukuoka is about 100 miles north west of Nagasaki, in the southernmost part of Japan.

MAY SUCCEED
ANTHONY EDEN



Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Dominions Secretary, is one of those mentioned as a possible successor to Mr. Anthony Eden, in the Foreign Office. He is the son of the late Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Britain's famous Labour Prime Minister.

JAPANESE HOLD ALL HONAN NORTH OF YELLOW RIVER LINE

Attacking Columns Closing Dangerously on Chengchow

Peiping, Feb. 24.

A Japanese military spokesman said to-day that Japanese troops now occupied all of the great province of Honan north of the Yellow River.—United Press.

This brings the invading troops very close to Chengchow, according to the war maps, although military experts say they do not believe Chengchow will be attacked immediately. The Japanese have yet to cross the river from the north.

Chengchow Lives In Fear

Chengchow, Feb. 24.
All shops are closed in the daytime here and resume business at 4 o'clock. The people are afraid of air raids.

However, the army headquarters here believes that a direct Japanese drive in the Peiping-Hankow railway and Chengchow is unlikely. The Japanese will prefer to try to cut the Lushan railway to the east and west and come in upon the rear of the Chinese forces in Shanxi.

At present there is only one train a day on the Lushan railway.—United Press.

Planes Raid Kiangsi Towns

Nanchang, Feb. 24.

Anchi, a town in central Kiangsi on the Kan River, was raided twice by Japanese planes yesterday.

The first raid was staged by six planes shortly after 11 a.m. when more than 20 bombs were dropped inside and outside the city. No great damage, however, resulted. The raiders later flew to Chishui, a town further downstream, and dropped one bomb.

At 2.30 p.m. 15 Japanese planes conducted a second raid on Anchi. This time some 60 bombs were dropped, killing several civilians and demolishing a number of houses.—Central News.

Japanese Reach Yellow River

Chengchow, Feb. 24.

Japanese troops driving westward by the Taokou-Chengchow Railway in northern Honan, have reached the northern bank of the Yellow River after the Chinese withdrawal from Hualing, the terminus of the Chengchow-Mengzhou extension of the railway.—Central News.

BOMBERS REPULSED IN SOUTH

Chinese Intercept
Japanese Raiders;
Shoot Down Two

Canton, Feb. 24.

Eleven Chinese pursuit planes from an unknown base in Kwangtung surprised a flight of 13 Japanese bombers at Nanyung, 70 miles north-east of here, at 7.30 a.m. to-day.

In a two hour running dog-fight, in which the cumbersome bombers were no match for the speedy pursuit planes, two of the Japanese planes were shot down.

As the Japanese attempted to escape in an easterly direction, the Chinese climbed above them and flew around them, spattering them viciously with machine-gun bullets.

It is noteworthy that this is the first time that Chinese planes have been active in South China since last October.—United Press.

Constable Charged On Death Of Suspect

Chief Justice Hears
Crown's Statement
In Sensational Case

Indicated on the findings of a Coroner's jury, Chan Chun, detective C454, was tried this morning before the Chief Justice, Sir Abell MacGregor, for the manslaughter of a suspect named Chan Sun, 43, at the Shamshuipo Police Station on August 31 last.

It will be recalled that accused was taken into custody after the jury empanelled to enquire into the circumstances surrounding the death of Chan Sun had returned a verdict of manslaughter, against him.

Mr. J. Whyatt, Assistant Attorney-General, prosecuted, and accused, who pleaded not guilty, was represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jr., on the instructions of Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ.

The following was the jury: Messrs. W. T. Knox (Foreman), G. A. Neves, Iui Shu-wing, Leung Tien-yam, K. P. Young, Wong Tsang-shan and Kwok Sau-hin.

Mr. Whyatt told the jury that he was being faced with a task no less responsible than that of the defence because he was prosecuting on behalf of the Crown one of its servants, whose duty was to maintain law and order and to preserve life and property.

The Crown's case was that while engaged in its service accused unlawfully killed a man, and it was the duty of the prosecution to prove to the utmost these allegations, which, if true, would strike at the root of the administration. It was known where and of what injuries deceased died, but it was for the jury to find who was responsible.

WAS A POOR MAN

Deceased, continued Counsel, was a man of poor circumstances and lived in the rear cubicle of 200 Castle Peak Road. Though married, he carried on the business of collecting and dealing in walrus oil. The principal asset was a motor named "Queen" who carried on his trade in the city. On the night of August 30 he was at home.

FIRMLY OPPOSES CONCESSIONS TO DICTATORS

Wants Strong Stand for Sanctity of Treaties

GOVERNMENT CONDEMNED AS WEAK AND COWARDLY

(Special to "Telegraph")

London, Feb. 23.

British Labour is united and is throwing its full force, backed by three powerful bodies, behind the demand for an immediate general election on the issue of collaboration with Italy and Germany.

Leaders of the Labour Party, the Parliamentary Labour Party and the General Council of the Trade Union Congress met at Transport House to-night and issued the following manifesto:

"This is not the time for concessions to dictators....

"We demand that a stand shall be taken with other peace-loving states against violence and threats of the fascist powers."

LOUIS WINS EASILY

Nathan Mann Out In Third Round; Started Gamely

New York, Feb. 23.

In a world's heavyweight boxing championship of 15 rounds here to-night Joe Louis, the holder, knocked out Nathan Mann in the third round.—Reuter.

FULL HOUSE

New York, Feb. 23.
Drizzle throughout the day failed to dampen the ardour of the fight fans, and at 7 p.m. the gallery at Madison Square Garden was packed, while at 8.30 the arena was well filled. Mike Jacobs, the promoter announced a sell-out of 19,000, with gross takings of \$133,000. Joe Louis started favourite at three to one.

Upon entering the ring both Louis and Mann were given ovations. Louis was in black trunks and Mann in purple. In Louis' corner were Julian Black, Jack Blackburn and the assistant trainer, Manny Seam. In Mann's corner were his co-managers, Jimmy Deagle and Billy Brown, and his trainer Ray Arell.

The referee was Arthur Donovan and the judges George Legron and Marty Monroe.

Among those occupying ringside seats were Max Baer, Buddy Baer, Tommy Farr, Harry Thomas and Al McConey.

In the first round Mann led, missing with a light left to the face, and Louis tapped Mann lightly with a left to the head. They squared in midring, and Louis failed to penetrate Mann's guard. Both were deadly serious, and Mann seemed worried.

MAN WINS ROUND

Mann landed a light left to the body, a right to the head, and two rights and lefts to the head and body. Mann scored with hard rights to the body. (Continued on Page 7.)

The meeting accused the Government of betraying friendship and confidence of democratic nations. It condemned it for weakness and cowardice and demanded a clear declaration that "Britain stands for the enforcement of treaties against lawless force and aggressive interference in the internal affairs of independent states."

The manifesto declared that the Government's policy had "alienated the people of the United States who had repeatedly shown sympathy for peace-loving nations and hatred of fascist aggression."—United Press.

Pledges Disregarded

London, Feb. 23.
A manifesto issued by the Trade Union Congress and Labour Party states:

"The present Government holds no mandate from the electors for the vital changes it has made in foreign policy. The British Labour movement challenges it to submit this issue to an immediate general election."

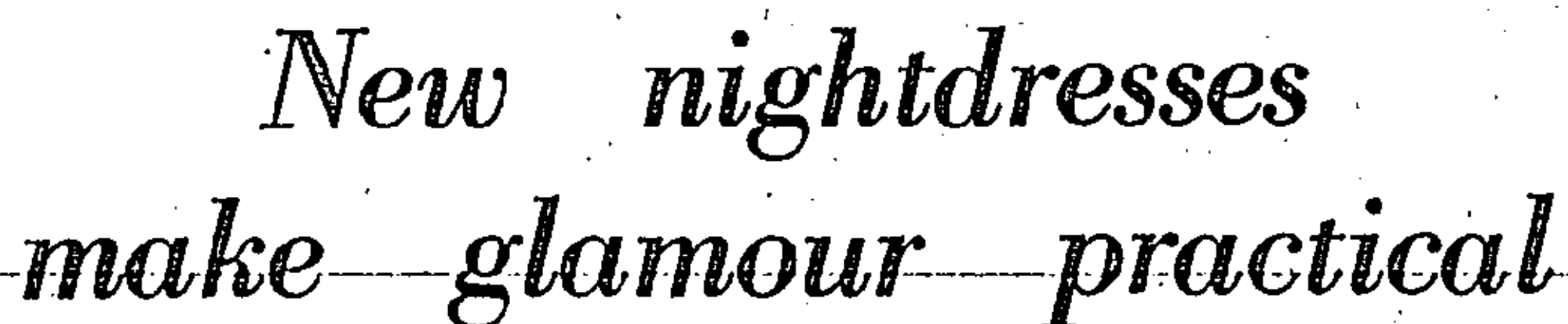
The statement adds that the Prime Minister and the majority of the Cabinet disregarded the pledges on which the National Government gained the nation's confidence at the last election. They had deserted the League, brought the Covenant into disrepute and abandoned the principles which had hitherto inspired the British people in their international relations.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

CHINESE DESTROY JUNKS WHOLESALE

Hankow, Feb. 24.
As Japanese troops reached the north bank of the Yellow River opposite Kaileng, Chengchow and Loyang, Chinese troops burned countless thousands of river boats and junks throughout the hundreds of miles of the middle reaches of the river in order to prevent their use by the Japanese troops.—United Press.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 11.)



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EYE-WITNESS DESCRIBES CHINA'S HOLOCAUST: 1,600 DIED A MINUTE

GETS NEW BLOOD SUPPLY

By an intricate operation, a 50-years-old Dundee man has been "given a new heart" and was reported to be "progressing very well."

He had been suffering from angina pectoris, which is caused through failure of blood supply to the heart.

Mr. Francis R. Brown performed the operation in the Dundee Royal Infirmary.

Mr. Brown made an opening in the patient's diaphragm—the big muscle which divides the body across the middle—brought up fatty tissue, which has an ample blood supply, and stitched it on to the heart.

Shortly new veins will form, and an alternative blood supply to the heart will develop.

An infirmary official told the Sunday Dispatch that the patient's condition is giving every satisfaction.

"Although we have had no experience of this type of operation in Dundee," he added, "we are confident the man will make a complete recovery."

SHAPELY LEG "EXHIBIT A"

San Francisco. In a \$50,000 damage suit resulting from a bite by an English bulldog, Miss Lorraine Llewellyn was obliged to introduce a rather shapely leg in court as "Exhibit A."

RECALLED TO JAPAN



GENERAL MATSUI, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Forces North China, who has been recalled to Japan.

AMERICAN STORY OF S'HAJ CARNAGE

By H. R. Ekins
(Copyright, 1938, by United Press)

New York, Feb. 15.

I flew from New York to Shanghai last July to join the United Press staff covering the Chinese-Japanese hostilities which had started outside Peiping the night of July 7.

Our editors in New York believed these hostilities would develop into a major war. They did and I found myself in the midst of the starkest human tragedy that I have experienced in covering wars around one half the world.

I reached Hankow early in August.

Hankow is known as the "Chicago" of China. It is a sprawling, steaming city on the great Yangtse River and for centuries the army which controls it has been the strategic master of Cathay.

I went to Hankow because I believe it would be the best base for travel to those parts of China where the most important battles of the war would be fought.

Fortunately (or unfortunately depending on one's point of view) an old case of one of these illnesses which beset so many people who have lived long in lands where disease is prevalent, was brought back by the steaming heat of a mid-summer on the ancient central China plain, and I had to return to Shanghai to my doctor.

I got out on the last passenger plane which left the city and reached Shanghai just in time to be at the Palace Hotel when it was bombed by Chinese fliers trying to strike at the Japanese.

That was Shanghai's "Bloody Saturday."

Three Chinese aerial bombs killed at least 1,000 people—including Americans—in the space of one minute.

All these people were civilians. Not one soldier was hit. They were the children, the men, and the women of a great city who were going about the activities of everyday life just as any other people go about their everyday activities in the middle of any day in any large city in the world.

They were the victims of modern, mechanized war.

Two bombs crashed through the Palace and Cathay hotels on the crowded Shanghai waterfront.

Another bomb crashed at the intersection of Avenue Edward VII and Tibet Road. That bomb alone killed more than 1,000 people. It tore a crater in the road into which one could put a railroad car. It scattered hundreds of children, women, and men beyond recognition.

Indicative of the destructiveness of explosives, I saw the bodies of people who had been killed simply by concussion. Every bit of clothing had been blown from the bodies.

I went into the countryside. Death struck there with the same effectiveness that it struck in the cities.

Japanese and Chinese planes came over high in the skies, circled, and came down in screaming power dives. The bombs came from them almost as accurately as shells came from field guns.

INDESCRIBABLE DESTRUCTION

Columns of men simply dissolved into fragments of torn flesh. Houses disappeared in clouds of dust which settled over the bodies of the farm families that had been in them.

I went into Chapel. I had seen Chapel—one of the principal industrial areas of the Shanghai Chinese city—destroyed before during the Chinese-Japanese hostilities of 1932.

The destruction then was almost as nothing compared to this destruction. It was a grim example of the speed with which the effectiveness of explosives is being developed.

I went to Woosung. Woosung is really a part of Shanghai—a sort of port suburb at the confluence of the Whangpoo and Yangtze Rivers north of Shanghai's International Settlement.

I saw the same things I had seen in Nanking Road, in Avenue Edward VII, at the fighting front in the country, and in Chapel.

I saw children, women, and men die in hundreds.

Many of them were blown in pieces too widely scattered to make possible a decent burial.

Some of those who lived through the continuous series of attacks and counter-attacks were left with only stumps for limbs. Others were blinded.

I saw the development of the Chinese "scorched earth" policy. That policy was adopted at the suggestion of leaders of the Chinese Communist party who recommended their long quarrel with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

taken into the Central Chinese Government after the war started. It is designed to destroy everything destroyable in the path of the enemy's advance so that he cannot live off the countryside.

I saw grain crops levelled, farm houses burned, buildings dynamited, bridges destroyed, and even footpaths gashed with great holes so that they could not be walked upon.

I saw the painfully dredged ship channel of the Whangpoo River blocked with sunken ships filled with stores.

I saw commerce stopped on the mighty Yangtze River which for centuries has been greatest commercial highway of all China—the transport route over which food supplies move for 100,000,000 people.

I saw children starve when these food supplies were cut off.

I went into North China. The dikes along the rivers there, built by the toll of generations of men, were broken and the fields turned into muddy lakes dotted with mounds of rotting grain.

Tientsin was a shell of the gay city I had known a few years ago when it was my headquarters. Piles of crushed brick and pieces of broken concrete were all that was left of buildings I used to frequent.

I heard a description of war from broken Chinese soldiers who were invalided from the front. They whispered of men who were chained to their machine guns so that they could not cease firing when they were assigned to cover a retreat. They told of officers who enforced obedience with automatic pistols.

They Insist On Getting Me Wrong, Avers Mae

MAE WEST, who has been under fire for her appearance as Eve in the broadcast skit "Adam and Eve," strenuously denied that she had any intention of trying anything to hurt the susceptibilities of her audience.

Speaking over the long-distance telephone from her home at Hollywood in a voice tinged more with sadness than with anger, she told the Daily Mail New York correspondent:

"I KNOW WHAT'S VULGAR"

"I wouldn't do anything to hurt religion. I go to church myself. I am still convinced there was nothing objectionable in the skit. Otherwise I would not have played in it."

Mae feels that others who were responsible for putting the skit on the screen have, as she said, "Let the lady down."

But she admitted that her tremendous popularity would be sufficient to account for the concentrated fire to which she has been subjected.

"I know who's vulgar and who isn't," she exclaimed. "I make fun of vulgarity but people insist on getting me wrong. They read into things I say something not there."

"This is what happened. I was asked to act as Eve to Don Ameche's Adam. I went to the studio and was handed the script, which I read in front of the 'mike.' I never changed a word."

"No one was more astonished than I when the furor broke out."

"Whatever some Puritans may say, I prefer to leave my case in the hands of the great American public. It refused to condemn me, as I know from letters received."

"But," I remarked, "there is the suggestion that it was not so much what you said as the way you said it."

"Well," she replied, "I can't help my voice. After all, that's one thing the censors can't take away from me."

The famous film star hopes, if contracts permit, to visit England this year.

MOSCOW PLEASES WRIGHT

Montreal. Moscow promises to become the finest city in the world, according to Frank Lloyd Wright, internationally famous American architect, who passed through Montreal recently on his way to the Soviet capital to the Leningrad State University.

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- F071. Afraid To Dream. I Still Love To Kiss You Goodnight. For Only You. After All These Years. LESLIE HUTCHINSON.
- F084. My Secret Love Affair. S.F.T. I'll Write A Love Song. Q.S.
- F083. Girl You Used To Be. Waltz. Am I In Love? Q.S.
- F088. Still Love To Kiss You Goodnight. S.F.T. Dance The Moonlight Waltz With Me. Waltz.
- F085. Green Eyes. Rumba. Maria, My Own. Rumba. VICTOR SILVESTER & HIS BALLROOM ORCHESTRA.
- F079. I'm Gettin' Sentimental Over You. F.T. Georgia. S.F.T.
- F080. I'd Like To See Samoa of Samoa. F.T. My Swies Hilly Billy. F.T. NAT GONELLA & HIS GEORGIAN. etc., etc., etc.

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SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning:

H.K. Banks, \$1.75 b. c. d.
H.K. Banks, (Lon. Reg.), £01 n. ex. div.
Chartered Banks, £12½ n.
Mercantile Bank, A. and C. £29 n.
Mercantile Bank, C. £14 n.
East Asia Bank, \$63 n.

Insurance
Canton Ins., \$200 b.
Union Ins., \$607½ n.
China Underwriters, \$140 b.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$240 b.
Shipping
Douglas, \$60 sa.
H.K. Steamboats, \$11 n.
Indo-China (Prof.), \$51 n.
Indo-China (Deck), \$43 n.
Shell Bearer, \$370 n.
Union Waterboats, \$9.30 b.

Docks etc.
H.K. & K. Wharves, \$130 sa.
H.K. W. Docks, \$20½ b. and sa.
Provident (old), \$2.85 b.
Providents (new), 65 cts. b. and sa.
New Engineering, \$234 n.
Kailan Mining Adm., 15½ n.
Rauha, \$74 n.
Venz: Goldfield, \$4 n.
Hongkong Mines 10 cts. n.

Philippine Mining
Antamoks, P. 50 sa.
Atoks, P. 20½ sa.
Baguio Gold, P. 23 sa.
Benguet Consol., P. 0.80 sa.
Benguet Explor., —
Big Wedge, P. —
Coco Grove, P. 43 sa.
Consolidated Mines, P. .011 sa.
Demonstrations, P. 30 sa.
E. Mindanao, P. —
Gumaua Consol., P. —
Igo Gold, P. —
LXL, P. 70 sa.
Rogons, P. —
Masbate Consols., P. —
Min. Resources, P. —
Northern Min., P. —
Paracale Gumaua, P. 24 sa.
San Mateo, P. 61 sa.
Suyoc Consol., P. 10½ sa.
H.K. Lands, \$33 b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$670 n.
H.K. Lands, \$33½ sa.
H.K. Lands, 47½ Dohen, \$100 n.
Shai Lands, Sh. 57 n.
Metropolitan Lands, Sh. —
Humphries, \$8½ n.
H.K. Realities, \$5.50 b.
Chinese Estates, \$80 n.
China Realities, Sh. —
China Debent., —

Public Utilities
H. K. Tramways, \$14.00 b.
Peak Trams (old), \$8½ n.
Peak Trams (new), \$23½ n.
Yau-mai Ferries (old), \$25.35 b.
China Light (old), \$11.40 b.
China Light (new), \$7.80 b.
H.K. Electric, \$60 sa.
Macao Electric, \$10½ b.
Sandakan Lights, \$14½ n.
Telephone (old), \$25.00 sa.
Telephone (new), \$9.40 b.
China Buses, Sh. —
Singapore Tractions, 32½ n.
Singapore Pref., 23½ n.

Industrials
Cald: Macg. (old), Sh. \$14½ n.
Cald: Macg. (Prof.), Sh. \$15 n.
Canton Tees, \$1.70 n.
Cement, \$14.85 b. and sa.
H.K. Ropes, \$4.00 n.
Stores, &c.
Dairy Farm, \$25.85 b.
Watsons, \$6.10 sa.
Lane Crawfords, \$9½ n.
Sincres, \$1.00 n.
Wing On (H.K.), \$30 n.
William Powell, Ltd. 65 cts. n.

Cotton Mills
Ewo Cottons, Sh. \$11½ n.
Shai Cotton (old), Sh. \$60 n.
Zhong Shing, Sh. —
Wing On Textiles, Sh. —
Miscellaneous
H.K. Entertainments, \$8.25 n.
Constructions, \$1½ b.
Vibro Piling, \$8 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 GSEds. 65% n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 2½% prm. n.
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan par n.
Wallace Hangers, \$2½ b.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) s/- 18/- n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.), s/- 5/- b.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Feb. 23.

New York Cotton		
	Opening	Closing
March	9.20/21	9.27/27
May	9.32/31	9.31/32
July	9.37/37	9.36/38
October	9.47/47	9.46/48
December	9.49/49	9.47/48
January	9.51/51	9.50/50
Spot		9.37
The First Notice Day for March Cotton is Feb. 23 with Delivery date March 1.		
New York Rubber		
	March	December
March	15.30/33	15.13/17
May	15.50/51	15.35/35
July	16.05/11	16.00/00
September	16.00/00	16.03/03
December		16.03/03

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 26th February, 1938, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1937.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday, the 14th February to Saturday, the 26th February, 1938, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1938.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-ninth Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 10th March, 1938, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1937, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 26th February to 10th March, 1938, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

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Hongkong, 18th February, 1938.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, the 11th March, 1938, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1937.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 4th March, 1938, to Friday, the 11th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1938.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Notice is hereby given that on account of transfer to other duties the Power of Attorney issued to George Alfred Flynn, as District Manager for The Texas Company (China) Limited at Hong Kong has been cancelled and recalled.

Similar Power of Attorney has been issued to Bayard Craig Lawrence who has been appointed District Manager at Hong Kong to succeed George Alfred Flynn.

THE TEXAS COMPANY (CHINA) LTD.

By: P. F. LE FEVRE,
Managing Director.

Hongkong, February 22nd, 1938.

NOTICE

Hongkong Benevolent Society

The Annual General Meeting of the above Society will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, March 4, at 12 noon.

His Honour, Sir Atholl MacGregor will preside.

January 15.02N

Sales for the day—7,020 tons.

Chicago Wheat

May 04 04½ 04½/04

July 00½/00½ 00½/00

September 00½/00½ 00½/00½

Tuesday's Sales:—

14,420,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

May 00½/00 00½/00

July 01½/01½ 01½/01½

September 02½/02½ 02½/02½

Winnipeg Wheat

May 120½/120 120½/120

July 119½/119 119½/119

October 98½/98 98½/98

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

SWAN, CULBERTSON & FRITZ LATEST REPORTS

New York, Feb. 23.

S. C. & F. Dow Jones summary of yesterday's markets:
The Street believes that the latest European developments have enhanced the prospects of peace. The peace policy of the Administration is interpreted as favourable and buying has become more aggressive. Good leadership heartened the market and made for continued strength. The action of commodities was a disappointment. Clarification of the steel price structure failed to broaden demand. Net operating incomes of the railroads for January were more than 50% below those of January, 1937. The scrap-steel market is weak. Cigarette-production is falling.

S. C. & F. New York correspondent cables:
Steel: The market to-day was strong on the belief that recent events in Europe defer the possibility of a war. Business sentiment was also slightly better. A further irregular advance is likely. Bank deposits for the week totalled \$14,405,000,000.

Textiles were firm and active. Wheat: Vladivostok is reported to be a buyer of 8 cargoes of Australian wheat, which is believed to be at the expense of our Pacific exports. Russia is reported to be negotiating heavy sales to the United States. Textiles and buying by cash interests sustained the market to-day. Exports totalled 250,000 bushels.

Corn: The strength of the market to-day was largely due to an Argentine estimate of 40% acreage loss in the corn-crop in that country.

Rubber: The proposed extension of the quota pact stimulated general buying. The market is broadening. Hides: There was some lifting of hedges and speculative buying. 120,000 units are reported to have been sold on the spot market. Hides are steady prices in Japan and England are reported to be buyers of Argentine hides.

Sugar: The market is quiet, with prices barely stead.

Dow Jones Averages Low Close
30 Industrials 122.48 122.41
20 Rails 20.35 20.52
20 Utilities 19.75 20.20
40 Bonds 91.00 91.43
11 Commodity Index 54.38 54.95

EXCHANGE RATES

	Feb. 22	Feb. 23
Paris	153.11/32	153.27/32
Geneva	21.58½	21.59½
Berlin	12.40½	12.40
Athens	547½	547½
Milan	95½	95½
Oslo	10.10	10.10
Copenhagen	22.40	22.40
Stockholm	19.40	19.40
Helsingfors	220½	220½
Shanghai	1/2½	1/2½
New York	5.01½	5.01½
Vienna	20½	20½
Amsterdam	8.95½	8.95½
Prague	142½	142½
Madrid	110½	110½
Albania	110½	110½
Hongkong	1/3	1/3
Bombay	1/8½	1/8½
Montreal	5.01½	5.01½

Brussels 20.55½ 20.56

Yokohama 1/2 1/2

Belgrade 210 210

Bucharest 677½ 677½

Montevideo 21½ 21½

Rio de Janeiro 21½ 21½

Silver (spot) 20½ 20½

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War Loan 103½ 103½

—British Wireless.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

YESTERDAY'S CABLED QUOTATIONS

London, Feb. 23.

War Loan 3½% (fixed) 103½/10 103½/10
Canton-Kowloon Ry. 100 100
Chinese 4½% Gold Loan 74 74
1000 (British Issued) 74 74
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds 102½/102 102½/102
Chinese 4½% Anglo- 63 63
French Loan 1000 63 63
Chinese 5% Crisp 47½ 47½
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan 64½ 64½
1913 (Lon. 1000) 64½ 64½
Chinese 5% 8½ Notes 15 15
1923 (Vickers) 100 100
Loan 64½ 64½
Hokkaido Ry. 5% 1911 20½ 20½
Lung King & U. Ry. 17 17
5% 1911 23 23
Shanghai-Nanking Ry. 30 30
(Brit. 5%) 23 23
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% 23 23
(Brit. 5%) 23 23
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% 23 23
(Ger. 5%) 23 23
Japan 5% Sterling 1924 20½ 20½
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Loan 1924 58½ 58½
Chartered Bank of I. A. 12½ 12½
& C. 12½ 12½
H.K. & S. Banking Corp. (Lon. Reg.) 90 91
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Chinese Eng. & Min. 14½ 14½
Cheong Cheong 14½ 14½
Pekin Syndicate 20 20
Shai Elec. Construction 31½ 31½
Shai Waterworks Co. "A" 21 21
Nomin. Nomin.

Union Insurance Society of Canton 30 30
Nomin. Nomin.

Gula Kalumpung Rubber Allied Ironfounders 20½ 20½
Asso. & Elec. Industries 20½ 20½
Aust. Motors, ord. 20½ 20½
Cable & Wireless, New Form, ord. 20½ 20½
British Plantations (bearer) 105½ 105½
Cannell Land, ord. 105½ 105½
Courtauld 41½ 41½
Distillers 32½ 32½
General Elec. (England) 17½ 17½
Guinness (A) 24½ 24½
Hawker Siddeley Aircraft 24½ 24½
Imperial Chemical Indus. 141½ 141½
Levy & Sons 33½ 33½
Marks & Spencer, "A" 33½ 33½
Toys 70½ 70½
Tate & Lyle 70½ 70½
Turner & Newall 70½ 70½
United Steel 16½ 16½
Smithwick Drop Forge 18½ 18½
Inds. 18½ 18½
Armstrong Stevens, ord. 7½ 7½
Pressed Steel, ord. 15½ 15½
Vickers, ord. 24½ 24½
Woolworths 43½ 43½
Anglo-Dutch 20½ 20½
Rubber Plantations 25½ 25½
Trust 25½ 25½
Burma Corporation 10½ 10½
Commonwealth Mining 2½ 2½
Marsman Investments 18½ 18½
Randion Metals 20½ 20½
Exploration Co. 2½ 2½
Sub-Nigel 210½ 210½
Tannan Gold Mining 6½ 6½
Tannan Ironmin. 6½ 6½
Burmah 109½ 109½
Shahans & Trad. (bearers) 62½ 62½
—Routier.

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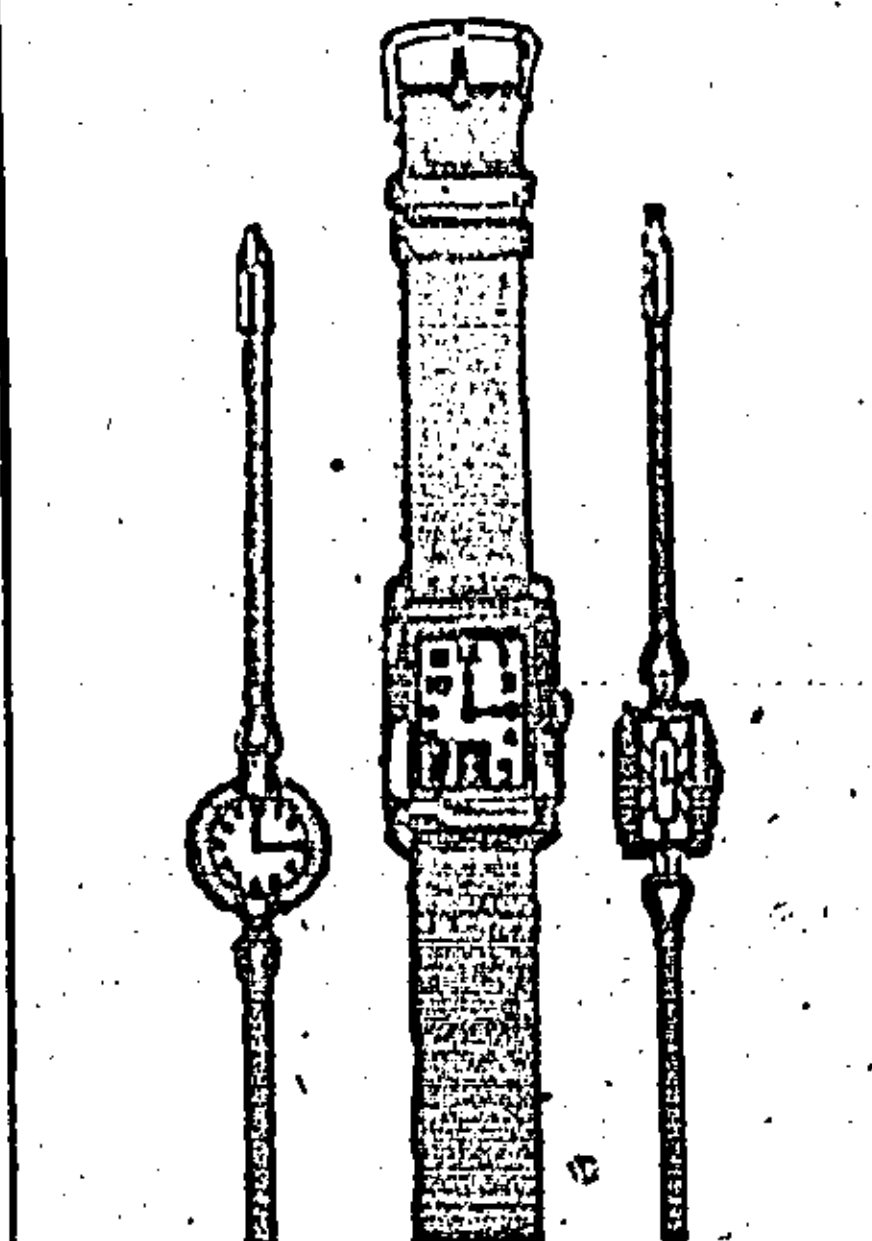
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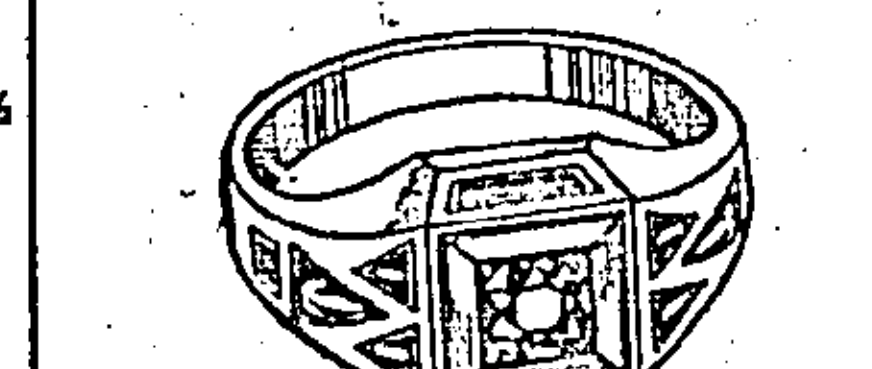
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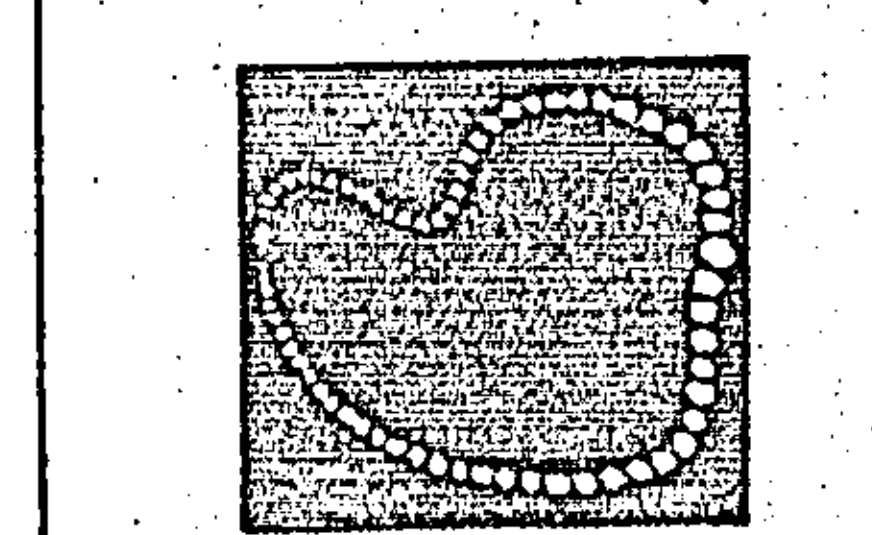
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Kwangsi Troops Stop Japan's Anhwei Push

FORCING INVADERS TO ALTER STRATEGY ALONG WIDE FRONT

Chinese Capture Guns, Tanks And Cavalry at Kweiteh

Hsuehow, Feb. 24.

General Li Chung-jen, the Kwangsi general, having stopped the Japanese march inland in Anhwei, the invading forces in this area are at present trying to accomplish a co-ordinated movement in the north along the western section of the Peiping-Hankow railway in Shansi. This big-scale drive will attempt to link the Japanese forces.

It is perhaps likely that the Japanese will first seek to cut the Lunghai railway at Loyang. A secondary force may simultaneously move eastward on the Peiping-Hankow line, attempting a huge-scale outflanking movement intended to surround the Chinese forces scattered over an enormous area.

While artillery fire has been heard at Kaitung, the Japanese have reinforced the Tsinling garrison and emerged from that long besieged town to attempt a southward march along China's most dangerous road.

At Kweiteh the Chinese captured four mountain guns, three tanks and some cavalry.

Central Shantung is quiet.

General Pang Ping-hsun's 41st Army has started a counter-attack on the east coast against newly-landed Japanese troops.

Seize Fishing Boats

The Japanese have seized 100 fishing boats in Tientsin and Chaooyang, huge inter-connecting lakes west of the Tientsin-Pukow railway and 55 miles north of Hsuehow. Guerrilla troops have been despatched hastily to meet a possible threat from the lake area. All boats have been ordered removed from the lower lakes.

It is to be noted that the Japanese may abandon their frontal attack and attempt to proceed westward across the lakes, to land on the highway which leads into Hsuehow. This move the Chinese are now manoeuvring to frustrate.—United Press.

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with the Hongkong Radio Station: Silver-sandal, Afrika, W. B. Walker, Talyuan, Santhia, Conte Verde, Milno Maru, Norviken, President Coolidge and Hakusan Maru.

BOARDED SHIP WITHOUT PERMISSION

Nine Chinese men were to-day charged before Cdr. G. F. Hole at the Marine Court with unlawfully boarding the s.s. Sinbang yesterday, without the permission of the Harbour Master.

The charge was admitted and seven of the men were fined \$10 or, in default, 10 days' hard labour. The remaining two with a previous conviction for a similar offence, were fined \$20, or three weeks' hard labour. Of the nine men, five were barbers.

ANOTHER CASE

On a charge of having caused an obstruction with their sampans, at a wharf in the Wanchai district, two boatmasters, Chan Kai-shing and Leung Kan, and a boatstress Koo Yee-so, were each fined \$5 or five days' hard labour.

The three people blamed yesterday's heavy weather for their action.

MR. N. L. SMITH BACK IN COLONY

The Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith resumed duty as Colonial Secretary this morning.

LEARNING FASCIST SALUTE



No, they are not Fascist troops. They are prisoners, however. In the recent fighting around Teruel, which the Insurgents recently recaptured, these Loyalist soldiers surrendered after weary days of fighting. They seem, some of them, on good terms with their old enemies.

NINE DIE IN FORMOSA AIR RAID

Taihoku Calm After Chinese Planes' Surprise Visit

Tokyo, Feb. 24. Late last night the Overseas Ministry after the fullest investigation of the bombing of Taihoku, Formosa, by Chinese planes, reported that eight persons were killed and 38 injured at that point.

At Shinghoku one person was killed and one wounded by the raiders.

A Domet despatch from Taihoku states the populace is calm.—United Press.

TOKYO NOT PERTURBED

Tokyo, Feb. 23. The populace was quiet at midnight, following on the excitement caused by reports of raids on Formosa by Chinese planes.

The people perused the regular newspaper editions and retired confident that the Chinese would not attempt to raid Japan proper. They have confidence in their air defence force.

The newspapers brought out no "extras" but the Nichi Nichi reported the Formosa raid in full.—United Press.

Speculation In Shanghai

Shanghai, Feb. 24. Observers here are speculating as to the reasons for the Formosa bombing. It is suggested that it is an attempt to divert world attention from Europe or that it is an effort on the part of the Hankow authorities to appease certain discontented elements in other parts of China, especially Canton, since the majority of the Cantonese planes are in North and Central

KING AGAIN VISITS INDUSTRIES FAIR

London, Feb. 23. The King paid his second visit to the British Industries Fair to-day, touring the Earls Court section with Lord Derby and Mr. R. S. Hudson, Secretary for Overseas Trade. His Majesty was most interested in the heavy industries.—Reuter Bulletin.

China leaving the south practically without protection by pursuit craft. It is recalled that some of the air raids on South China came from Formosa.

Foreign military experts do not expect any attack to be made on Japan proper due to their belief that China does not possess machines capable of making the return light, although she at one time owned such planes.

Russian circles point to the possibility that Soviet fliers chose a Formosa raid as a way of celebrating the Red Army's twentieth anniversary.

It is generally expected that Japan's planes will retaliate to-day, possibly against Hankow. Weather in Central China is at present ideal for bombing excursions.—United Press.

Taihoku Attack Was From Foochow

Tokyo, Feb. 24. Chinese aeroplanes which bombed Taihoku yesterday appeared to come from Foochow and Swatow, according to the Taihoku correspondent of the Azahi Shimbun, who stated that experts declare the machines were Gloucester Gladiators.

Official casualties at Taihoku are given as seven dead and 20 injured, and at Chikuto as one dead and nine injured.—Reuter.

CHINESE MILLS HARD HIT

May Have To Sell Out To Japanese

Shanghai, Feb. 24. Chinese cotton mills in the western area of Shanghai, hard hit by the absence of demand for their products, may be taken over by Japanese interests, according to the Shanghai Mail. Unable to transport the produced textiles to the hinterland or abroad, the Mail says these concerns are faced with serious financial difficulties which may compel them to sell out to Japanese interests.

Japanese mills here, the Journal points out, are in a better position, since they are able to export products to North China, India and the South Sea Islands. Hundreds of Chinese workers daily besiege the town office of Japanese cotton mills in search of employment.—Reuter.

Italy Stops Attacks On Britain

Rome, Feb. 23. Broadcasts in Arabic from Italian stations which frequently contained attacks against Britain, have not yet been suspended, although the character of the programmes is likely to be changed.

No anti-British matter has been broadcast during the past three or four days.—Reuter Bulletin.

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	10.40	Lv ICHANG	Lv	14.45	
	13.00	Lv WANHSIEN	Lv	12.25	
	14.40	Ar CHUNGKING	Lv	10.30	8.00
15.00					
Mon. Wed. Fri.	Sun. Thu. Sat.	STATION		Sun. Thu. Sat.	Mon. Wed. Fri.
(Stinson) 15.10	(Stinson) 15.10	Lv CHUNGKING	Ar	(Stinson) 10.00	(Stinson) 14.30
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MAJOR PROBLEM FOR BRITAIN

England's "Keep Fit Campaign" has been launched and sustained with such vigour as to be faintly surprising to those in Hongkong who have always imagined Britain to be an "AI" nation physically, and who find it difficult to believe a national drive is necessary to make the country worthy of the classification. Much of the propaganda for this campaign has been clever and subtle. Sir Kingsley Wood, as Minister of Health, has been propagandist-in-chief, but Minister of Labour Ernest Brown's appeal to housewives to reveal weekly household budgets can be fitted in logically as part of the movement. It is unlikely either has told the public all the facts prompting this campaign. Certainly the press has not done so.

The campaign is obviously designed to make Britain's youth healthier and stronger, for it is recognised that the future of the country is in youth's hands. Furthermore, they are being challenged by the youth of the Continent, notably the well physically trained youngsters of Italy and Germany. The United States continues to produce the world's greatest athletes, and although this is not necessarily an accurate indicator of the average standard of physical and mental ability in America, it is reasonably fair basis on which to assume that standard. The British Government has good reasons to feel despondent, for among the things which Sir Kingsley Wood has not told the public is that the majority of the Council and Government elementary schools in the urban and industrial districts carry a full 40 per cent. of mentally sub-normal pupils on their attendance lists. In many cases the sub-normality is such that pupils cannot be placed into classes ordinarily established by the school's curriculum, but have to be graded in standards of mentality. Neither is it possible with this type of pupil for the teachers to adopt the usual system of instruction, but they must devote themselves to laborious and heart-breaking methods in which progress is hardly discernible. Cases are not uncommon where pupils are so mentally deficient that they react strangely to the seasons, and by their behaviour threaten to become a danger to themselves and to their classmates. These conditions are known to operate to a large extent in the big cities, where sub-normality is as prevalent among the boys as among the girls. It is significant, and should be a timely pointer to the authorities, that 90 per cent. of those

True story of a man who tried to retire

THE dinner was given by the chamber of commerce specially in his honour. After making his speech Mr. Bennison sat down. As usual, it had been a success.

Gracefully he had accepted the enormous silver dish, suitably inscribed, presented to him by the members of the chamber on his retirement.

The inscription harped upon his great labours since the war in the cause of the community. The establishment of a chain of stores, the foundation of the chamber of commerce itself, stood to Mr. Bennison's credit.

HE was undoubtedly rich; in the garage next to his house on the edge of the town was a Rolls-Royce. A month earlier Mr. Bennison's company had been made public and investors had scrambled for shares in it at prices which the founder thought were ridiculously high.

All this had happened in eighteen active years; for at the end of the war ex-Private Bennison had returned to his cottage, his wife, and his two children, and hoped in vain to get back the job he had left three years earlier.

And now he was rich, respected, and, from this very moment, officially retired.

FOR three months he was happy doing nothing. He played a good deal of golf, and pottered optimistically in the garden and in the greenhouse.

By the beginning of the fourth month he was becoming restless, so he and his wife spent four weeks at Bournemouth. Still Mr. Bennison became irritable and visibly older.

His wife was a patient woman; she knew something must happen, so she waited.

One morning Mr. Bennison woke up and saw that snow was falling. He groaned, for he had nothing to do that day, and he would have to stay in the house. As he watched the snow, he had a sudden thought.

"Mary," he said to his wife who was still lying in bed, "I'm bored with doing nothing."

"What are you going to do about it?" she asked.

"I don't know yet," he replied.

THE snow gave place to rain in the afternoon, and by the following morning only puddles remained.

To take out a Rolls-Royce on such dirty roads was deplorable, but that was what Mr. Bennison did, and he

sub-normal children exist among the large families, the personnel of which ranges anywhere from six to thirteen. Investigators have also discovered that more often than not the sub-normal child is a later member of the family. The history of such a child will often reveal malnutrition as an infant, or birth at a time when the mother no longer possessed the physical means of nurturing the child. With this mental deficiency, often goes some form of physical retardation. That the authorities have long recognised the dangers threatened by such a situation is revealed by their increasing efforts to effect counter measures. Free daily supply of milk to schoolchildren, free clinical treatment, the creation of Playing Fields Associations for the annexation of areas to be used as playgrounds for the kiddies as well as for adults, and now the national "Keep Fit Campaign". The campaign is timely. It is vital. But it only scratches at the surface, and does nothing to rid the community of the many social distresses which appear to be among the root causes of such a perturbing state of affairs. Ordinary commonsense seems to demand that legislation be effected which will enable the future youth of England to be born and reared under conditions which offer a fair chance for normal mental and physical development. This is not the entire problem. But it is a very large part of it, and its removal would constitute a big step towards creating that "AI" class of nation which the British Government so urgently desires. —S.A.G.

The "Mr. Bennison" of this article exists, but that is not his name. He retired recently, a rich man. This is what he did with his leisure.

declined to have his chauffeur with him.

At a speed befitting an elderly gentleman he drove into the deep country, making for a village with a trout stream which he had fished in the past. There was no fishing now, and when the early twilight was coming, he decided to telephone Mary to let her know that he was safe, that he would be home in a couple of hours.

At the post office in the village (call it Spring Leap) he called up his wife; coming out of the telephone box, he looked around him.

MR. BENNISON had never been to Spring Leap post office before, and he disapproved of what he saw now.

To one who had drawn up model regulations for the proper governing of seventy-eight shops it was distressing to see a large ham hanging next to a ripe display of Gents Sox.

Mr. Bennison was about to hurry out; but habit was too strong for him. He turned to the woman behind the counter.

"Much business?" he asked. "Not a lot, sir, but it don't worry me and my man seeing as how we're going to leave soon. Trouble is, people go into Longbourn to buy things nowadays even though it is twelve miles away and costs one and six return by bus. But we shall sell this business to whoever takes over the post office. I suppose."

"Yes," said Mr. Bennison. "Good night."

He went back home, said nothing to Mary, who saw that there was something on his mind, and went to bed.

ON the following morning Mr. Bennison rose early, "cursed" his slattern—it had been far worse since he had retired—went in to Longbourn and had a long talk with the postmaster. Then he went to Spring Leap asked to see the books of the demand of the woman and her man for £200 for the business, and made the offer of £250, which in Mr. Bennison's private opinion was still twenty-five pounds too high judging from the state of the stock.

At home again he broke the news to Mary that he was now the owner of a village store and sub-postmaster designate. She took the news very calmly, and together they decided to sell their house, such of the furniture as they would not need at Spring Leap, and the Rolls-Royce.

Then the two of them went to Bournemouth again. Mr. Bennison enjoyed it this time because he was busy, not playing golf, but deciding what he would do with his store.

A MONTH later, a bathroom had been installed in the small house behind the post office, and the Bennisons had moved in.

Two-thirds of the stock in the shop had made a bonfire in the garden, and new goods had been imported. The food had been separated from the lingerie. The latter was Mary's special province. She knew that girls in the country like dainty undies just as much as girls in the town, and she ordered stock accordingly.

During their first week as shopkeepers the takings were twelve pounds; by the second week curiosity had been satisfied, and the takings dropped to just over nine pounds.

By the middle of June (they had gone to Spring Leap in May) the hikers were in the village regularly each week-end, and the takings rose to 17 pounds.

Mary cheerfully started a Christmas club. The post office business was carried out by Mr. Bennison with an efficiency never before known in that or probably in any other village.

BUT of the seventeen pounds only four pounds and a few shillings were profit. That, in Mr. Bennison's opinion, was not enough. He decided that the small profit was due to the fact that he had to keep such a large and varied stock, and that he had to buy in such small quantities.

So, on a Saturday morning, he took his car (a Morris), and went to the next village, six miles further out from Longbourn. There he arranged to buy the village store.

A bright-looking girl was engaged to serve behind the counter in place of the old crone who had previously owned the shop. She, incidentally, was more than thankful to receive a fair price for her tiny business. She promptly put the money into National-Savings Certificates, thereby increasing the post office turnover at Spring Leap still more.

This shop was not such a big success as the other for the village was much smaller than Spring Leap. But the stock included such things as were bought by the more well-to-do local residents who did not like having to run into Longbourn every time they wanted anything more luxurious than slab chocolate or a pair of boots.

WHEN I last saw Mr. Bennison, he had almost decided to have still another shop in one more village. He looked about ten years younger than he did at the chamber of commerce dinner nearly a year ago, and he was putting on weight.

Mary was quite comfortable attending to the drapery. She had never really liked the bridge and the dinner parties which had been part of the life of the wife of a successful business man.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bennison were happy, but they were not retired.

THE QUESTION ARISES

1. Who were Gog and Magog?
2. How did the hat-trick derive its name?
3. What is the significance of America's Thanksgiving Day?
4. Why are some things said to be "not worth a rap"?
5. Which is the longest river in the world?
6. When was the celebrated Eton College founded?
7. What is a Carpet Knight?
8. Who invented the first steamboat?
9. Where is the Gate of Tears?
10. How did the expression "Hobson's Choice" originate?
11. Why is it considered lucky to pick up a horseshoe?
12. What is a glutton?
13. When was Great Britain so called for the first time?
14. What is meant when a university grants a degree in "honoris causa"?
15. How is the word "navvy" derived?
16. Why does not a spider become entangled in its own web?
17. Who wrote "How doth the little busy bee improve each shining hour"?
18. Where was Mormonism founded, and by whom?
19. What is a pot-hunter?
20. Why is a woman who marries a widower with children called a step-mother?

(Answers Below)

THE "VERY IDEA"

Crisis In Hongkong: No More Kelly Chits

By Eddie Kelly, Foreign Mister

NEWS of the political crisis in England is likely to be overshadowed by grave developments in Hongkong.

Captain Anthony Edward Kelly may refuse to sign any further chits unless the Hongkong Hotel recognises his signature.

Mr. Neville Taggart is almost certain to accept Captain Kelly's resignation.

It is feared, however, that Mr. Taggart will find little support from the Hongkong Hotel bar boys.

Withdrawal of Captain Kelly from active participation in Hongkong Hotel affairs of State will, it is feared, mean serious financial loss to these supporters of the Taggart regime.

"Captain Kelly has regularly paid his cumschaw in cash," one of the boys said this morning.

Premier Taggart is likely to be adamant.

"If we do not refuse to accept Captain Kelly's signature there is almost certain to be war with Signor Grayburn," he said.

Reception of the news of the crisis is varied.

MR. THOMSON (Secretary, Dairy Farm Co.): "Naturally, we are delighted. Captain Kelly will doubtless turn his energies to our milk."

J. H. RUTONJEE (Director, Hongkong Brewery): "This is a calamity. Capt. Kelly is deserting the Entente Cordiale."

P. CHESSEX (Gloucester Hotel): Premier Taggart has our fullest support.

ANSWERS TO "THE QUESTION ARISES"

1. Many references are made to Gog and Magog in the Bible, but in British legend they represent the sole survivors of a monstrous brood sprung from the infamous daughters of the Emperor Diocletian. They were brought to London in chains, and made to do duty as porters at the royal palace, where their offices have been seen at least since the reign of Henry V.
2. A bowler who took three wickets with three successive balls used to be entitled to a new hat at the expense of his club.
3. A custom dating back from the Thanksgiving Day set aside by the Mayflower Pilgrims after their first harvest in 1621. Celebrated on the last Thursday in November, it is marked especially by family reunions.
4. To indicate that a thing is practically worthless. The rap was a base halfpenny, intrinsically worth about half a farthing, circulated in Ireland in 1721.
5. The Amazon in South America; approximately 4,700 miles long.
6. In 1440 by Henry VI.
7. One who gains a livelihood for services rendered to the nation, but not on the battlefield. An ancient expression, it probably alludes to the preference shown by non-martial knights for the carpeted drawing-room over the tented field.

8. A Spaniard named Garry in 1643 drove a boat of 200 tons with paddle wheels, which revolved by the agency of boiling water. The Chazotte Dundas was the first practical steamboat. It was built on the Clyde, Scotland, in 1801.
9. The passage into the Red Sea. It was named thus by the Arabs because of the number of shipwrecks that took place there.
10. From the business methods of one Tobias Hobson, a carrier and innkeeper at Cambridge, in the 17th century. When a person came to hire a horse from Hobson he was obliged to take the animal which stood nearest the door, that particular horse or none at all. The customers had no choice, as the proprietor's attitude was "take it or leave it."
11. This superstition traces back to the times when it was thought that a horseshoe nailed to the house door was a protection against the witches. Legend tells us that one day the devil asked the farmer-ancestor, Dunstan, to shoe his "single boot." Recognising the evil one, Dunstan proceeded with the job, but purposely hurt him so badly that he roared for mercy. The Devil was released on condition that he would never enter a place where that he saw a horseshoe displayed.
12. An animal living in North America. A kind of weasel, it grows to a length of about three feet and has

- an enormous appetite.
13. When King James of Scotland became King James I. of England and so united the two countries (1604).
14. The recipient does not have to pass the usual examinations. The degree is awarded to him "for the sake of honour."
15. A contraction of navigator. Canals were thought of as lines of inland navigation, and the men employed in excavating canals were called navigators, which eventually was shortened to "navvies."
16. Due to the fact that the spider walks on the comb-like claws of its feet, which because they are very smooth, can be hooked into and lifted out from the thread with ease.
17. Isaac Watts—"Divine Songs."
18. In the New England State of Vermont, by Joseph Smith, in 1830. He was elected 20 times into courts of law, and was assassinated by a gang of ruffians while in prison. His successor was Brigham Young, who led the "Saints" driven by force from home, to Utah, where they settled.
19. One who in athletic contests, etc., is keener on winning prizes than on the sport; it is, of course, a term of reproach among sportsmen.
20. The prefix "step" indicates that the person spoken of is a relative only by marriage. It comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *steop*, which is connected with *step*, meaning bereaved.

WHO'S TO SUCCEED MR. EDEN?

Halifax, Inskip, Morrison Or MacDonald

London, Feb. 23. Among the probable candidates being discussed for the post of Foreign Minister are Lord Halifax, Lord President of the Council, Sir Thomas Inskip, Minister for the Colonies, Mr. Morrison, Minister of Agriculture and Mr. MacDonald, Secretary of State for the Dominions. Lord Halifax is ruled out because he does not sit in the House of Commons, though the idea is mooted that he may remain in charge of the Foreign Office during the Anglo-Italian negotiations, in which case the Premier would answer for the Foreign Office in the House of Commons. There are substantial obstacles to the transference of Sir Thomas Inskip from the Ministry for the Colonies to the Ministry for the Colonies, where he is deeply involved in intricate work. Mr. W. S. Morrison is a man of marked ability, but doubts are held whether he carries the necessary weight for the Foreign Office. Mr. MacDonald has Mr. Eden's flair for managing the House, and is most attractive negotiator, but is not likely to be chosen at present. The temporary appointment of Lord Halifax, with Mr. Neville Chamberlain taking charge of the House of Commons—*Reuter*.

NO DECISION YET

London, Feb. 23. The Premier told the Opposition Leader in the House of Commons last night he could not make any announcement regarding the new Foreign Secretary, but he hoped to do so shortly. He undertook to bear in mind objections to the Foreign Secretary not being a member of the House of Commons to which Mr. Attlee had called his attention—*British Wireless*.

MAINTENANCE ORDER MADE

David Law, of Hennessy Road, made another appearance before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, when summoned by his wife, Marion Chiu, of Hennessy Road, on the counts of persistent cruelty at various places on 10, 1931 and January 9, 1933; deserting her on or about October 10, 1933; and failing to provide reasonable maintenance for her and her children from December 10, 1933.

Law admitted having failed to maintain his wife and children, but denied the other two charges at the first hearing of the case last week. To-day, Mr. M. A. de Silva, appearing for complainant, said:—The two male children of the marriage would be given into defendant's custody, while the female child would remain with complainant. Both were to have access to the children but not to their respective addresses. There was to be a payment of \$5 a month maintenance for the female child, to be paid into the Court, but no maintenance for the wife, as she was employed. Costs in the sum of \$50 were to be arranged privately.

Asked if he was willing to abide by the terms of settlement as set out by Mr. Silva, defendant said he was.

HEROIN PILLS CONFISCATED

Senior Revenue Officer A. Grimmit applied for a confiscation order for 45,000 heroin pills which were found in a house at Gloucester Road following a raid by the police. The order was granted by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning.

"CAME BACK FOR A WALK"

"I came back for a walk" was the statement made by Wong Hing, 30, spinster, when she pleaded guilty to a charge of breach of the Deportation Ordinance. Sentence of nine months imprisonment was passed by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning.

SHIP'S SAFE LOOTED

Mr. A. M. Harvey, chief officer of the steamer Island Trader, lying in Kowloon Docks, reported to the police yesterday that some person broke into his cabin and stole from a safe, which was forced open, £13 10s, in Australian banknotes, and \$100 in Hongkong and Shanghai Bank notes, as well as private documents.

DINOCULARS VANISH

Inspector A. B. Allen, in charge of the Royal Dockyard police, reported to the local police yesterday that a pair of binoculars, valued at \$90, was either lost or stolen from a naval tug, between the Dockyard north arm and Junk Bay.

N.Y. STOCK EXCHANGE PLANS REFORMS

Washington, Feb. 23. The New York Stock Exchange has moved to amend its constitution, providing for a paid president and smaller board of governors. The reforms coincide with recent Congressional suggestions. — *United Press*.

CONSTABLE CHARGED ON DEATH OF SUSPECT

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worked until 11 o'clock and before he retired he put his sewing machine in the passage and 10 unfinished suits in a shelf. When he got up the next day he found the machine and clothing missing, and immediately made a report at the Shamshulpo Police Station, which was about one and a half miles away. A Chinese detective was detailed to accompany him back to the house to investigate but the enquiries yielded no result.

Later in the morning Chan went with a friend named Tee Sung to the Lower and Upper Lascar Row, where there were a number of second-hand goods dealers, for the purpose of finding out whether any of his stolen articles had been sold. The search proved fruitless, and they then proceeded to No. 29 Connaught Road Central, where a clansman named Chan Tam-lin was employed, and told him of the loss. In the premises at the time was another clansman, also named Chan Fat, who was a district watchman, No. 30.

AN INSIDE JOB

Together they returned to 300 Castle Peak Road, where they held a consultation, as a result of which the tailor expressed suspicion that it was an "inside job." Deceased was thereupon questioned and as a result of information supplied by him, the party went to a hut in the hillside nearby. The hut was occupied by a man called Wong Lap and after he had been questioned, the district watchman came to the conclusion that it was a police case and accordingly took the party to the Shamshulpo Police Station. Sub-Inspector Hynes, who was in charge-room duty at the time, was informed of the matter, after which the party was taken to the Chinese detectives' room, where accused was held. Before accused could commence his enquiries, Sergeant Nolan came along and directed that Wong Lap should be taken separately to the interviewers for questioning. Both suspects were questioned for several minutes by Sergeant Nolan who subsequently left, as he had other work to do, leaving accused in charge of the party.

ACCUSED WONG OF THEFT

After questioning the suspects for some time, accused went out of the room for about 20 minutes. On his return, he again took up the questioning, and in reply deceased alleged that Wong had committed the larceny. This was strongly denied by Wong. About 7 p.m. Sergeant Nolan passed by the room and on seeing accused writing on a desk asked him how he was getting on. He was told there was no case against him and the suspects, and he then gave instructions for them to be taken to the charge room in order to obtain the formal consent of Inspector Hynes for their release.

Accused, however, did not stop his questioning. He continued to ask deceased why he did not inform the police if he knew Wong had committed the theft. Deceased replied he was asleep, whereupon accused was alleged to have told him, "You have had a share in this. You were aiding and abetting." Wong better admit it. After saying this, accused took up a truncheon and struck both deceased and Wong several blows. Apparently getting no further with his questioning, he then left the room for about ten minutes.

During his absence, another detective, Kwok Kam came into the room. Although the case had nothing to do with him, this detective questioned deceased and on getting no satisfactory reply gave him a kick. No explanation came from deceased, and Kwok then turned his attention to Wong, who again denied the theft. Kwok then took hold of a truncheon and struck him on the shoulder and back, after which he left the room.

ADMINISTERED KICKS, SAYS CROWN

On his departure, accused returned and continued his questioning for almost an hour. About 9 p.m. when deceased was squatting on the floor by the wall, accused went up to him and gave him two kicks on the left side below the heart.

"The consequences," said Mr. Whyatt, "of these kicks were immediate to deceased and astonishing to accused. Immediately after these kicks, deceased's head fell forward, his tongue protruded and his hands began to shake. Finally he collapsed. On seeing this, accused turned pale and dragged deceased to the floor at the door at the same time ordering the others to get out. As he was pushing deceased, a European walked along the corridor. Accused told him deceased was an opium smoker and was in need of opium. Every effort has been made to trace this European, but without success. It seems probable, however, that he was a Police officer for he was going in the direction of the quarters."

DID ALL HE COULD

Continuing, Mr. Whyatt said deceased was at this time in acute distress and asked to be taken to the latrine to make water. After he had done there he was taken back to the corridor where he was put on a bamboo stool. To accused's credit, it must be stated that he did everything he could, in the way of first aid, for deceased.

Meanwhile, the others had gone to the charge room, where they were told by Sub-Inspector Hynes to go away. They did and that was the end of the case. Deceased, either dead or alive. That must have been about 9:15 p.m. and between then and 9:45 p.m. when the ambulance was summoned, no evidence could be adduced as to what happened. Evidence, however, would be given by the ambulance attendant, who when he arrived at the Station he

C. T. WANG'S APPEAL TO ROTARIANS

Research Work For The Prevention Of War

Washington, Feb. 23. Mr. C. T. Wang, Chinese Ambassador to the United States, addressed the Rotary Club to-day, when he urged the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, peace and good fellowship by business men and professional men.

He said Rotarians should concern themselves over the weak dam of international restrictions and inhibitions embodied in such instruments as the League Covenant, the Nine-Power Treaty, the disarmament agreement, the Kellogg-Briand Pact and the numerous non-aggression treaties.

"In the face of this threatened world catastrophe we are called upon severally and collectively to fight the terrible disease of wanton international lawlessness and disorder," he said.

All the nations were in a nightmare and even peace-loving United States found it necessary to spend billions on armaments. He suggested that Rotarians should constitute themselves into research workers of the cause, and for the prevention of war.

"Certainly the march of civilization calls for strenuous efforts to bring world peace," he concluded. — *United Press*.

PRISONER TO BE CANED IF FIT

A remand of 48 hours medical examination was ordered by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning when Yau Tin, 37, unemployed, pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny from the person of Yau-cham, 22, spinner of a gold Yau-cham, in Des Voeux Road Central. The man will be caned if he is fit for it.

CAUGHT WITH NARCOTICS

Admitting two charges of possession of prepared opium and possession of 164 heroin pills in Kam Wah Street, on February 10, Wong Yiu, 35, unemployed, was fined a total of \$40 with the alternative of three months' hard labour by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning. Inspector A. Wright prosecuted.

WANTS TO ASK QUESTIONS

Deceased was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital, but evidence would be called to show that it was the intention was to enter to the Kowloon Public Mortuary by Dr. K. C. Yeo, who found that the 7th, 8th and 9th ribs were fractured. An enlarged spleen underneath them had a tear three inches long. Unfortunately, Dr. Yeo was now in Europe, but his evidence at the Police Court proceedings would be read.

In a case of such gravity and complexity, continued Mr. Whyatt, it was the duty of the Crown to bring forward the best medical evidence, and in this connection Dr. R. S. Begbie would be called to say that symptoms of the injuries described were manifest almost immediately or at least within an hour.

HIGHLY IMPROBABLE

There were two possible reasonable conclusions which could be arrived at, namely (1) that the injuries were inflicted by accused at the Station; and (2) that they were caused by the district watchman at 300 Castle Peak Road. According to Dr. Begbie, it was highly improbable that the injuries were inflicted at 300 Castle Peak Road, for if that was the case, deceased would have arrived at the Station in a state of collapse.

The most important piece of evidence was the report made out by accused, which contained various statements alleged to have been given by deceased. According to the report, deceased was alleged to have stated that Wong Lap committed the theft and that he had been assaulted and threatened by the district watchman into putting the blame on Wong.

Mr. Whyatt concluded: "Threats and assault were mentioned in the report, but I would prove to you that this document was a fraudulent one. The statements alleged to have been made by deceased were inserted into the original report had been made and I shall call evidence to say that with 20 years' experience to say that the passages were put in later, for the purpose of putting the blame on Wong. The passages were intended to deceive, and in that the action of an innocent man? Deceased walked into the station without assistance and came out in a dazed and collapsed state. The prosecution suggests that the person responsible for the death of deceased is the man who stands in the dock." The case is proceeding.

JAPANESE HOLD ALL HONAN NORTH OF YELLOW RIVER LINE

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of the river, on the night of February 22. The Japanese have placed their batteries on the northern bank and are intermittently firing at the Chinese positions on the southern bank. The cannonading is clearly audible at Mengtzi, a historic town on the southern bank.

Small batches of Japanese troops at Fongchiu have also reached the bank and are constantly firing across the river there. — *Central News*.

Liuhio Retaken By Chinese

Hsuehchow, Feb. 24. Official reports state that Liuhio, about 40 kilometers north-west of Pukow on the northern bank of the Yangtze River in Kiangsu, was recaptured by Chinese Peace Preservation Corps troops on February 20. — *Central News*.

Gunfire Audible In Wushing

Kinhwa, Feb. 24. Gunfire from Chinese guerrillas operating around the city is frequently audible in Wushing, now under Japanese occupation, according to a refugee who fled here to-day.

The city now lies partially in ruins caused by huge fires which blazed for three days after its fall, he said. About 1,500 women and children are now accommodated in the refugee camp established by the Red Swastika Society. No men are admitted.

The missionary hospital, he revealed, has been turned into a field hospital by the Japanese. — *Central News*.

LOUIS WINS EASILY

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head, forcing Louis back to the ropes. The crowd roared and Louis seemed flustered. It was Mann's round.

The second round saw Louis score with a left to the nose and draw blood. He repeated the blow, scoring nicely, and it was noticeable when Mann came out of a crouch that he was bleeding. Mann missed a right to the body, and Louis scored with two lefts to the face. Mann missed again with a left to the body, but landed a left to the face. Mann forced the fight and connected with several right smashes to the head, forcing Louis into a neutral corner.

UNMERCIFULLY BEATEN

Then Louis swarmed to the attack, scoring with lefts and rights to the body. A right to the head floored Mann for a count of nine, and after he had gained his legs, Louis beat him unmercifully on the ropes. The bell saved Mann. This was Louis' round.

Louis kayced Mann in the third round. He rocked Mann with a left to the face, and followed with another left jab to the mouth. Louis then landed rights and lefts at will and floored his opponent with a right to the head, but there was no count. The negro continued to pummel Mann with a two-fisted attack to the face and head, and Mann went down for a count of three, and then immediately afterwards took the full count. — *United Press*.

LOUIS' BRILLIANT DISPLAY

New York, Feb. 23. According to *Reuter*, this was Louis' best fight since he fought Max Schmeling. He displayed all his old fury and had Mann down five times. The knock-out was decisive when the third round was minute 46 seconds old, Louis getting in a terrific hook to the point of the jaw. Mann had not previously been knocked out.

The receipts were \$220,000, Louis receiving 40 per cent, and Mann 15 per cent.

Louis will now defend his title against Jimmy Adamick on March 3. — *Reuter*.

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KNOCKED DOWN BY LORRY

A man, Lam Tai, was knocked down in Wanchai Road near Tin Lok Lane yesterday by a motor lorry driven by Ko Hing-chung. Lam was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital with body injuries.

ROOF CAVES IN

The collapse of the roof on which he was working at Kai Tak Road yesterday, resulted in the death of a man, being injured. Tai was taken to the Kowloon Hospital.

RADIO BROADCAST

"World Affairs" and Other London Relays CHILDREN'S HOUR

Radio Programme Broadcast by ZBW on Frequencies of 845 kc., 952 mc. per second.

H.K.T. 12.0-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Chopin—Concerto No. 2 in F Minor, Op. 21.

Played by Arthur Rubinstein (Piano) and the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by John Barbirolli.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Primo Scala's Accordion Band and Les Allen (Vocal).

Six Dance Hits (Service 4) ... Primo Scala's Accordion Band, Don't Kiss Me Good-Night (David and Meyer); When Old Friends Meet Again (Tobias and Peller); Les Allen, Six Dance Hits (Service 5) ... Primo Scala's Accordion Band, 1st Stand By (Davis and Coots) ... Les Allen and His Canadian Enchilera, Hill-Billy Medley ... Primo Scala's Accordion Band.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 Variety. Vocal—Follow A Star—Vocal Gems (Ellis) ... Light Opera Company. Violin—Gavotte (F. J. Gosse); Fileuse (Song without Words) (Lotto) ... Carlos Sempino. Vocal—Estampé ... Maracaine (Eddy-Eddy); Les Pénitents Efficaces (Tranchant); Lucienne Boyer. Cinema Organ—Fifty Years Of Song ... Terence Casey at the Organ of Regent Cinema, Brighton.

2.15 Close down.

5.0-8.05 European Programme. 8.05-11.30 Chinese Programme.

5.0 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) Always and Always; (b) Melody farm; (c) The one I love; (d) Jam Sessions.

5.16 Interval of recorded dance music from ZBW.

5.20 (a) Summer Night; (b) Love is good for anything that fills you; (c) Who is the Sun? (d) Who's that knockin' at my heart.

5.35 Interval of recorded dance music from ZBW.

5.45 (a) You're not the kind; (b) Four or Five times my life; (c) Foolin' myself; (d) The Snake Charmer.

7.0 Paul Robeson (Bass) and Symphony Orchestra.

Golden River (film "Jericho"); My Way (film "Jericho") ... Paul Robeson. Austrian Peasant Dances (arr. Max Schoneherr) ... Symphony Orchestra cond. by Walter Goehr.

Variations "Coppella" (Delibes); Waltz Of The Hours (Coppella) (Delibes) ... Symphony—Orchestra cond. by Clemens Schmalstich.

Rosenkavalier Waltzes (Strauss) ... Bruno Walter cond. the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra.

7.30 Closing local Stock Quotations. 7.35 Variety.

Danjo—Medley ... Tarrant Bailey. Humorous—Butting In A Comedy. Episode (Olive) ... Vic Oliver.

Comedienne—Public Sweetheart No. 1 (from "Seeing Stars"); In Love Again (from "Seeing Stars") ... Florence Desmond, Accordion—Ac. Gordon Parade.

Love Accordion Virtuoso ... The 8.0 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.05 Chinese Programme—Studio Concert.

11.30 Close down. Radio Programme Broadcast by ZBK on a Frequency of 640 Kilocycles.

8.05 Beethoven—Sonata In A Major, Op. 60. Played by Emanuel Feuermann (Cello) and Myra Hess (Piano).

8.30 London Relay—At The Black Dog.

Mr. Wilkes at home in his own parlour. Presented by Pascoe Thornton.

9.0 Vocal Numbers. The Doll's Song (Tales of Hoffmann—Offenbach); Wine, Women and Song (Strauss) ... Mavis Bennett (Soprano).

Love (Operetta The Dabarry) ... Grace Moore (Soprano) and Richard Crooks (Tenor); If I Am Dreaming (Operetta The Dabarry) ... Richard Crooks (Tenor).

9.15 London Relay—World Affairs. Talk by H. Wickham Steed.

9.30 London Relay—The News. 9.50 Saint-Saens—Carnival Of The Animals.

Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra. Pianist: M. B. Montgomery and O. Barnhill.

10.15 Maria Olszewska (Contralto). So softly awakes my heart (Samson and Dalila—Saint-Saens) ... w. the Berlin State Opera Orchestra. Sappho Ode (Brahms); The May Night (Brahms) ... Piano accomp. by George Nevea.

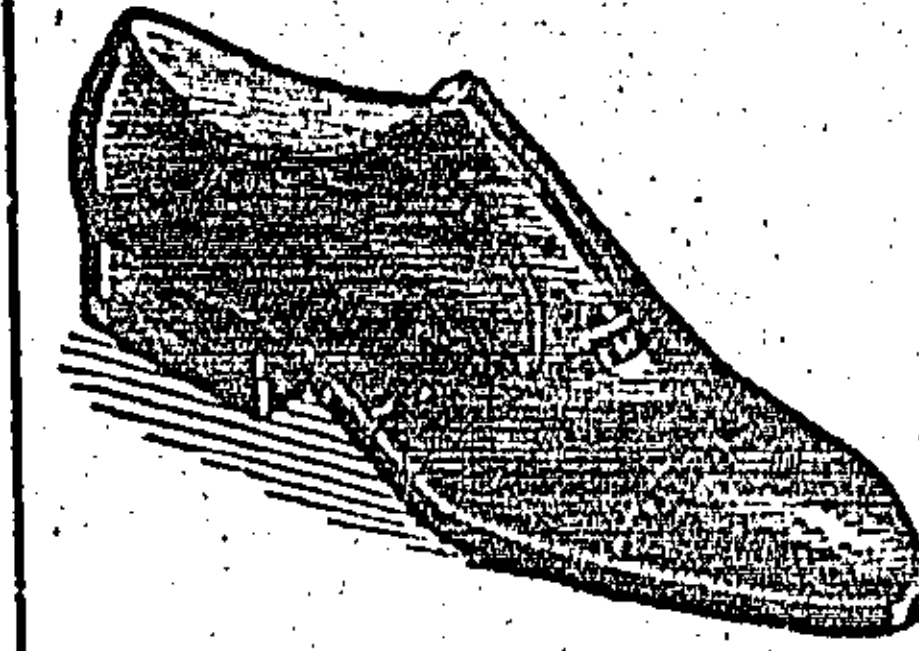
10.51 Grieg—Concerto In A Minor For Piano and Orchestra, Op. 16. Played by Ignaz Friedman (Piano) with Orchestra conducted by Philippe Gaubert.

11.0 Close down.

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GALLANT SAILORS REWARDED

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slant danger of slipping back into the sea.

The first sailor went across this hazardous gangway which a cat would scarcely have been able to negotiate, and he was followed by the second sailor and the Quarter-master. A line was fixed on shore and in this way everyone on the ship was able to reach safely. It had not been for the action of these men the loss of life might have been very great.

GOVERNOR'S TRIBUTE

The Governor then said: "We have just heard a fine story of gallantry and I feel it is a privilege for me to present these medals."

Bravery is a tradition among Chinese sailors and I congratulate your firm, Mr. Paterson, for being fortunate enough to have such men among your employees, as well as the men for their bravery."

The medals were then presented to the three men and pinned on by the Governor who congratulated each recipient individually.

Those present included: Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Hon. Commander G. F. Hoie, Hon. Dr. H. K. Kotewall, Hon. Dr. L. Shu-fan, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, Sir Shou Son-chow, Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Captain R. W. Baleman, Mr. P. Tod, Mr. D. F. Landale, Mr.

SMALLPOX NOW DECREASING, SAYS D.M.S.

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by the number of refugees in the Colony.

Mortality High

"It is quite true that the mortality rate during the current epidemic has been excessively high—there were 512 deaths in 707 cases between January 1 and February 20—but it should be realised that only 250 of the cases were treated in hospital. The balance were beyond treatment, for they were either reported in the last stages or removed to the mortuary after death. Here again, ignorance, particularly among the refugees, must be blamed."

"I think I can safely say that if those 512 Chinese had been vaccinated, they—or at least the vast majority of them—would have been alive to-day."

"Again I repeat, successful vaccination provides complete immunisation. This fact cannot be too prominently brought to the notice of the populace. Vaccination is free to all, and they are only excused for non-vaccination is ignorance," concluded Dr. Valentine.

Chan Ming, Mr. W. E. Kirby, Mr. J. Lawson, Mr. R. J. Hopkins, Mr. F. T. Clarke, Mr. G. Owens, Mr. R. T. Salmon and Mr. W. Murray.

NEW BLOOD NEEDED IN LOCAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Weekly Hockey Notes By "The Pilgrim"

MACAO LUCKY TO WIN MATCH United Clubs Lose In Last Minute

The rain which fell continually in the forenoon and in spasms during the game made conditions unpleasant for the players in the hockey match between Macao and United Clubs last Sunday. Nevertheless play was fast and exciting despite the slippery surface.

The U.H.C. played better hockey but failed to achieve victory because of the rain. A brilliant save by Dunn and Negi. A brilliant save by Dunn and Negi. A brilliant save by Dunn and Negi.

In the first half Macao had slightly the better of the play though the account on two occasions through Dunn and Negi. A brilliant save by Dunn and Negi. A brilliant save by Dunn and Negi.

On resumption play was carried on from one end to the other with both goalkeepers doing well. Dunn saved a certain goal when he got in the way of a terrific drive from Ramalho. The U.H.C. maintain pressure however, when S. A. Fowler and Partau went very near to scoring, but the latter missed an open goal when he shot wildly from five yards after beating the defence on his own.

The home team exerted more pressure during several sporadic attacks but could make no headway against the visitors' safe defence. Ramalho Singh in particular giving a grand display at left half.

A LUCKY GOAL

Thirty seconds towards the end during a scrimmage in front of the visitors' goal, H. Rozario sent in a tumbledrive and Dobson, in trying to kick clear, slipped, only to see the ball roll over the goal line. The game ended soon after amidst great jubilation among the Macao supporters.

The U.H.C. defence was superior to Macao's but the attack was disappointing. Negi was seen in place of Sawal Khan at inside right, a position unfamiliar to him, and Pritham Nath at centre forward consequently suffered from lack of support. Dunn, at inside left, was also off form and could hardly hold his feet on the wet ground. The Macao intermediate line put up a sterling defence. Alex Aires, at centre half, proving himself a genius of the highest order, and so was L. Costa, at left half. R. Rosario, at right back, was in splendid form whilst Almada never looked like letting anything go past him. Slater, a newcomer and leader of the home attack, was useful and the right flank, with Ramalho and F. Nolasco, formed a fast combination. In spite of the rain which prevailed, an enthusiastic crowd—typical of Macao—gathered to watch the match.

A drawn game would have been a fair result.

NOTES OF CURRENT INTEREST

DURING my visit to Macao last Sunday, I learned from a very reliable source that Lt. da Costa, better known as the "father of hockey" in Macao, will be returning to the Portuguese colony early next year. This is encouraging news, as keen followers of the game are of the opinion that since his departure, a great deal of interest has been lost in the game in general in Macao.

THE United Hockey Clubs are promoting a rather unique game between Veterans and Youngsters. The former will consist of players of 35 years of age and over, and the youngsters of 25 years and under. The match should prove very interesting—a test of what youth and strength can do against age and experience. The teams will be announced later.

THE following are requested to take part in the English Trial on the Police Training School ground this afternoon at 4.15 p.m. White shirts:

Dobson and Wetton (R.B.); Guest (R.S.C.); Divett (R.B.); Howlett (Police); Robinson (R. A. F.); S. A. Fowler and Bond (Club);

FORMER CHAMPIONS SURPRISED

C.B.A. Ladies Win Caer Clark Game

The C.B.A. Ladies created a surprise in the only Caer Clark Cup fixture last Saturday when, on their home ground, at King's Park, they defeated the Hongkong Ladies by a lone goal scored by Mrs. White in the first half of the game.

There was never any doubt of the C.B.A.'s superiority and if there had been more method thrown into the attack by the wingers, the total would have been appreciably higher. C.B.A.'s well-deserved victory so late in the season may be attributed partly to their splendid anti-backs and backs.

Miss A. Woolley, at right half, and Miss B. Parsons, at left half, were brilliant in their tackling and behind them Miss P. Whitley and Miss P. Woolley broke up several dangerous raids before they developed. From the start the wingers attacked and were rewarded late in the first half when Mrs. White, at centre forward, tapped the ball past Mrs. Lunsford, from a pass off her sister, Miss A. Woolley.

On resumption, the Hongkong Ladies took play over to their opponents' area but their forwards spoiled their movements by hurried passing. Miss J. Dalziel and Miss Marshall formed a speedy right wing combination without being dangerous. Miss Pope, at centre half, was



Mrs. Lunsford, of the Hongkong Ladies, who played a splendid game against C.B.A. last Saturday.

her usual energetic self and on the day's play was the most reliable defender. Miss Gray and Miss Helbling, the visiting full backs, were good and did some useful work but their right and left halves could have done better.

After ten minutes play, in the second period, the C.B.A. dominated play and though they made several promising raids, Mrs. Lunsford, in goal for the Hongkong Ladies, displayed clever anticipation to stop the opposing attack. The C.B.A. gave an excellent display but I am afraid it has come rather late in the season.

BADMINTON LEAGUE

In the "B" division of the Badminton League last night St. John's beat Free Lances 7-2. Free Lances played with only two pairs and forfeited three games.

Chinese Recreation Club forfeited to Revere.

Dunne, Jackson and Stuckley (Middlesex); Brown, Jackson and Parker (Police). Umpire, Major Whitley (Rajputana Rifles) and Sgt. S. Mettam (R.E.).

THE Hongkong Hockey Club will be visiting Macao on Sunday, February 27, and if fine weather prevails a keen game should be seen. The Club has got a splendid attack, but T. Whitley, Divett and Bickford will find Aires, Costa and Rozario pretty tough obstacles to overcome.

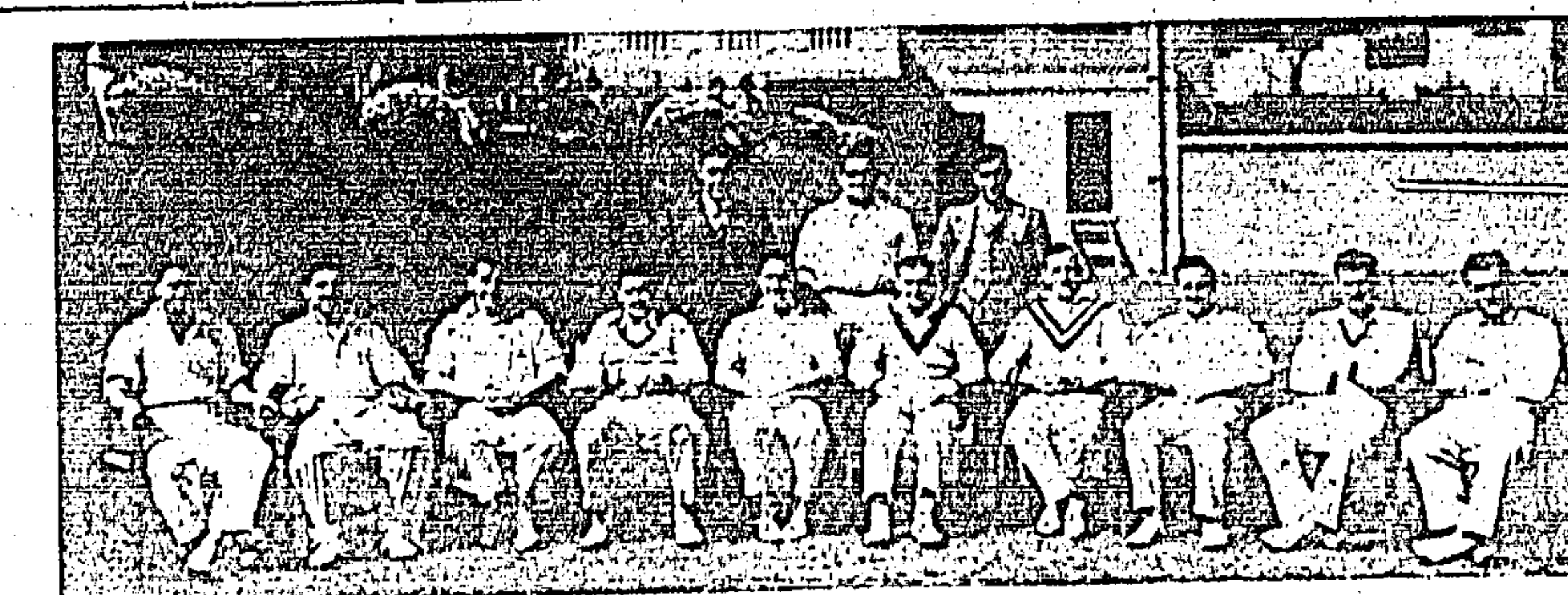
MRS. Traill, the C.B.A. Ladies' centre-half, was unable to take the field against the Hongkong Ladies last Saturday as she was laid up with an attack of flu. Miss B. Parsons, who deputized for her, gave an excellent all round exhibition.

BRAWN Cup fixtures for Saturday:

Revere v. Seaford Ladies ("Y") Ground, 3 p.m.

C.B.S. "B" v. St. Andrews (C.B.A.) Ground, 3 p.m.

C.B.A. v. C.B.S. "A" (C.B.S.) Ground, 3 p.m.



Members of the Islington Corinthians' football team who defeated the Kowloon C.C. at Cricket yesterday by seven wickets. Front row (left to right)—Bill Whittaker, L. Bradbury, G. Dance, Dick Manning, "Pat" Clark, H. G. Read (Capt. of Cricket team), J. K. Wright, G. Pearce, W. Miller and "Sunny" Avery. Back row (left to right)—J. Sherwood, A. J. Martin and Dick Tarrant. (Photo: Yuen Chun Studio).

RUNNERS MUST HAVE COURAGE

Wooderson No Stylist

S. C. Wooderson, holder of the world mile running record, has not an attractive running style, said members of the British Empire Games team in Sydney recently.

They believe that he accomplishes his fast times by concentration, courage and good living.

Members of the British team were sorry that Wooderson could not go to Australia with them.

The general manager of the British team (Mr. Evan Hunter) said that the reason was that he had to sit soon for a final Law examination. The trip might have interfered with his professional prospects.

Wooderson's world record time is 4 min. 6.8 sec.

"That achievement indicates how great a runner he is," said Mr. Hunter.

Wooderson took his running very seriously, said Mr. Hunter. He was a quiet, shy boy, and most popular in England.

Members of the team said that he was either a teetotaler or very nearly one. "And I am sure he does not smoke," said Mr. Hunter.

MIND AND MUSCLE

"He is small, but has fairly long legs, which are shapely. Maybe that has much to do with his running ability," went on Mr. Hunter. Mr. Hunter emphasised a rule in all forms of athletics which was observed by Wooderson—success could not be achieved without the fullest application of endeavour with mind and muscle.

Wooderson wore glasses when he ran. He could not see without them, explained Mr. Hunter, who said that Wooderson began his athletic career as a public school boy. He was now about 23.

Mr. Hunter was asked if Wooderson was making any plans for the Tokyo Olympic Games in 1940. "We do not make plans that far ahead in England," intervened one of the athletic champions.

GOOD BADMINTON PROGRAMME

J. L. Anderson Plays C. Au. In Singles

The Colony Championship badminton programme at Tai Koo R.C. this evening, containing a very interesting match in the men's singles. The contestants are J. L. Anderson of the Free Lances and C. Au, of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. The winner will meet T. F. Yong for the right to enter the semi-finals.

Though Anderson plays in the "B" Division of the League, he is easily up to "A" Division standard and should give a very good account of himself this evening against the Chinese, who was doubles and mixed doubles champion at Negri Sembilan before he came to the Colony. Officially, the match is timed to start at 7.45 p.m.

Other games in the programme are two men's doubles ties. H. A. Alves and H. A. Barros should have no difficulty in disposing of P. Y. Lo and J. Tsang, but a more even game should be seen when B. W. Clark and A. L. Fisher of the Free Lances play Peter Wilson and Norman Smith of St. John's.

Don Bradman Over The Jumps

London.

The horse, Don Bradman, is much supported for the Grand National Steeplechase, for which there are 79 entries—19 more than in 1937.

The *Empire News* says: "He is going to be as much in the news, as his Australian name-sake."

Unlike the cricketer, the horse does not possess great speed, but is a rare plodder and reliable jumper.

The Americans, who have never won at Aintree, have entered a plucky little winner of the American Grand National, Battleship.

CALL-OVER FOR GRAND NATIONAL

De La Chance Made Favourite

London, Feb. 23.

The following is the call-over for the Grand National:

100/8 De La Chance (o)
18/1 Blue Bird (o)
18/1 Toktor Pacha (o), 20/1 (t)
18/1 Dunhill Castle (o)
20/1 Royal Mail (o), 25/1 (t)
20/1 Drimmoreland (o)
22/1 Coolen (o)
23/1 Davy Jones (o)
25/1 Buckle Belle (o)
25/1 Bachelor Prince (o)
28/1 Royal Danelli (o)
28/1 Inverleith (o).

THE LINCOLNSHIRE

London, Feb. 23.

The call-over of the Lincolnshire is as follows:

100/7 Galsonia (o), 100/6 (t)
100/6 Scarlet Princess (o)
18/1 Peter Kano (o)
20/1 Gunboat (o)
20/1 Gibbons (o)
20/1 Discard (o)
25/1 Hornpipe (o), 33/1 (t)
25/1 Laureat (o)
25/1 Allegiance (o)
25/1 Pampas Grass (o)
25/1 Moody (o)
25/1 King's Gap (o)
25/1 Dan Bulger (o)
25/1 Kyles of Minard (o).

Home Football

VILLA MOVING UP TO TOP

Level Terms With Sheffield United

London, Feb. 23.

Aston Villa made further progress in the Second Division of the English Football League to-day when, playing at home, they defeated Plymouth by three goals to nil. As a result of this victory, they have drawn level with Sheffield United at the head of the table, with the advantage of having a game in hand.

Manchester United and Tottenham were the successful teams in the other two games played in this division to-day.

SECOND DIVISION
Aston Villa 3 Plymouth 0
Manchester U. 4 West Ham 0
Tottenham 2 Newcastle 0

LEAGUE TABLE

The following are the leading positions:

Aston Villa 20 17 0 0 52 24 40

Macao Awaits Corinthians

Visit Eagerly Being Looked Forward To

Our Own Correspondent

Macao, Feb. 23.

No small interest is vested in the forthcoming visit of the Islington Corinthians to Macao, and old and young alike of every section of the community eagerly await the occasion when the British players will engage the Macao side which will consist of the pick of players from local soccer clubs.

The visitors will arrive here on Monday, Feb. 28, by the morning steamer, and will make a sightseeing tour of the Colony prior to a luncheon to be held at the Riviera Hotel.

At 4 p.m. the match will be played within the Candrome enclosure. It will be attended by H.E. the Governor of Macao, Dr. A. Tamagnini Barbosa, who has given his wholehearted support to the unique sporting event. Among others, Mr. F. J. Cellion, British Vice Consul for Macao, is devoting himself to the work of reception. The Nam Fong Football Association is taking an active part in the organization, and the Argonauta Club will be in charge of the game. Reception and working committees have also been formed.

The match will be refereed by Mr. Lee Wai-tong, and the Macao team will consist of the following players: Goal—Delima; Carvalho (Tenebrosa).

Backs—Francisco Lobato (Artillery), Ho Cho-seng (Argonauta), Halts—Manuel Magalhães (Argonauta), Lau Hing-choi (Nam Fong), Alex Aires (Artillery).

Forwards—Arthur Santos (Artillery), Antonio Colaco—Capt. (Tenebrosa), Tam Kong-pak (Nam Fong), Lau Chung-sang (Nam Fong), Lau Chung-kwan (Nam Fong).

Reserves—Jose Fernandes (Artillery), Manuel Rego (Tenebrosa), Acario Costa (Artillery), Lei Nga (Police), Jono Santos (Artillery).

Macao's players will wear blue shirts bearing the red Maltese Cross on the left breast, white shorts and blue hose.

The Corinthians team will consist of: Longman; Clark; Buchanan; Martin; Whittaker; Wright; Manning; Bradbury; Tarrant; Avery; Miller.

The visitors will be entertained to dinner later in the evening, and will sail for Hongkong at 3 a.m. on Tuesday, March 1.

MARRIAGE OF GOLF CHAMPION

Mr. Jim Ferrier, the New South Wales State amateur and close golf champion, was married quietly last month to Miss Norma Jennings, of Geogary, at All Saints Church, Woolthra.

They became engaged about 10 months ago. Golf has always been a common bond between Mr. Ferrier and his bride. She is well-known in Sydney as an amateur player and is a member of the N.S.W. and the Lakes clubs. Together they have made an excellent golfing combination, and have won many club matches. She has accompanied Mr. Ferrier around the course in all his matches.

Their wedding arrangements were kept a close secret, and neither the bride nor bridegroom were attended. Only their parents were at the church, where Archdeacon Langley officiated.

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)
Gillingham 1 Clapton Orient 2

Reuter.

SAME PLAYERS SUCCESSFUL EVERY SEASON OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS' PROSPECTS DISCUSSED

(By "Abe")

Looking at the entries and the draw of the Colony Tennis Championships organised annually by the Hongkong Cricket Club, it seems to me that unless some of the newcomers are of outstanding merit or unless our junior players have shown great improvement during the last twelve months, the titles will in all probability be contested once again amongst the same few who have, at one time or other, won them during the last few years.

Nearly all the names entered for the singles and doubles are familiar, only a few are strange, but it is to be hoped that amongst them will be found one or two players good enough to reach the important stages of the competition so that new blood may be introduced into the concluding rounds. It has been monotonous to see the same few players in the semi-finals and finals year after year.

Little hope is held out that apart from the Rumjahn cousins, the Tsui brothers, W. C. Hung, E. C. Fincher, M. W. Lo and perhaps A. Crawford and T. A. Pearce the other local players will go very far. I can name several who have participated in the annual championships for years, play with regularity and yet never seem to improve. They are serious, plucky and entirely likeable in the way they have joined up year after year but they seldom survive the first two rounds. Certainly not from these will the champions, both singles and doubles, be found.

LOOK TO NEWCOMERS

Rather we should look to the newcomers to help us in raising our standard of play in the open championships. We cannot say that the standard in the last tournament was high. Far from it. In fact it was one of the lowest in years.

While it is the general hope that a higher level will be reached this year, it is a sad commentary on local talent to say that H. D. Rumjahn, the defending singles champion, is almost assured of entering the final. And this, before the tournament has even commenced! The only player capable of stopping him seems to be Tsui Yun-pui, whom he will not meet until the semi-final stage.

With Tsui Yun-pui, the Chinese Davis Cup player and former Colony champion, in the top quarter, I doubt very much whether anybody will be able to stand up to him there. E. C. Fincher, A. Crawford or Luk Ding-cheung will be his opponent in the quarter-final.

S. A. Rumjahn has little opposition in his quarter and seems certain of getting into the last eight. Were it not for his recent leg injury, Lee Wai-tong would also be assured of a place in the quarter-finals; but so soon after his fracture he cannot obviously be at his best. His first-round opponent is S. A. Gray, and the winner of this match will probably go far owing to the fact there is little opposition in this quarter.

It would appear to me that the quarter-finals will probably be: Tsui Yun-pui v. E. C. Fincher; S. A. Rumjahn v. Lee Wai-tong; Tsui Yun-pui v. J. W. Leonard; W. C. Hung v. H. D. Rumjahn.

DOUBLES TITLE

On paper there are only three pairs worth considering. They are S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn (holders), Tsui Yun-pui and Tsui Yun-pui (former champions) and E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung—who have gone very close to winning the title.

A study of the draw will reveal that while the Tsui brothers have a fairly easy passage to the final, the other two pairs will clash in the quarter-finals of the top half.

The selection of Tsui Yun-pui to represent China in the Davis Cup last year prevented him and his brother from defending the doubles title which they won from the Rumjahn cousins in 1936. But will they be able to repeat the performance this year? The Rumjahns are certainly not as formidable as of yore, but they have not yet lost their sting; they are still capable of lifting the trophy again. The task, however, is harder now because they have two stiff obstacles to overcome.

For him, an easy passage to semi-finals.

H. D. Rumjahn

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SEVEN-A-SIDE
RUGGER
TOURNAMENTPreliminary Rounds
Next Week

The preliminary rounds for the seven-a-side Rugby Tournament will be held on the Club ground at Happy Valley on Monday, February 28 and Thursday, March 3. There will be six games each day commencing at 4 p.m. The charge for admission to any stand on these days is fifty cents, service men in uniform at half price, and it is hoped that there will be a large gathering of spectators to watch the football. The draw is as follows:

First Round.—Seaford "A" v. Malayan Prince (1), 24th. Heavy Bty. v. Royal Scots "A" (2), 20th. Heavy Bty. v. Club "A" (3), 5th. A.A. Bdo L.A. v. Police (4), Club "B" v. R.E. (5), Civil Service v. Small Units (6), Herald v. Middlesex "A" (7), Royal Scots "B" v. Middlesex "B" (8), Byes, H.M.S. Tamar and Small Ships, Adventure "B", Seaford "A", Butterfield and Swire, Adventure "A", Suffolk, Seaford "B" and Hongkong Bank.

Second Round.—Tamar and Small Ships v. Adventure "B" (9), Seaford "A" v. Butterfield and Swire (10), Winners (1) and (2) (11), Winners (3) and (4) (12), Winners (5) and (6) (13), Winners (7) and (8) (14), Adventure "A" v. Suffolk (15) and Seaford "B" v. Hongkong Bank (16).

These ties will be played as follows:—

	Monday	Thursday
4.00	(8)	(1)
4.20	(2)	(14)
4.40	(7)	(11)
4.60	(4)	(12)
4.80	(3)	(13)
5.00	(6)	(10)
5.20	(5)	(15)
5.40	(16)	(9)

Ties (9) and (15) will be played off on the Navy Ground at Causeway Bay on Friday, February 25 as H.M.S. Adventure will be at sea next week.

Squash
Matches
Postponed

Owing to the unexpected movements of H. M. Ships, four of the last eight players remaining in the Tournament had to leave the Colony on February 19 and 20.

It is expected that these competitors will all return about the middle of March and it has been decided to postpone the remaining matches accordingly.

Czech Army
Chief Warns
His PeopleAny Attack Would
Be Quick And
Brutal

Prague, Feb. 23. General Ludwig Krejci, Chief of Staff of the Czech-Slovakian army, told the press to-day that Czechoslovakia must be prepared for a "brutal and quick attack by motorised forces, assisted by an air force, without warning."

He said they must organise themselves so that they can defend themselves without aid, since allies would be unable to assist them in the first days of attack.

However, he said that the construction of fortifications on the frontiers had "made such progress that prospective enemies would do well to reflect whether an attack would be worth while."

Among the measures contemplated is a proposal to move the Skoda munitions works from Pilsen to a more central position.—United Press.

CHARGED WITH
SALE OF
PROPAGANDA

Hankow, Feb. 24. Mr. Pu Wu-chiu, proprietor of the Five Continent Bookstore in Wang Ping Street in the International Settlement in Shanghai, was arrested by Japanese plainclothes men, accompanied by Settlement police, on the morning of February 22, on a charge of selling periodicals of an alleged anti-Japanese nature. He is now detained for inquiry, a report says.

The Kuo Kwang Publishing Company was also searched by International Settlement police.—Central News.

MANILA SHARES

The following business done quotations were received after the close of the morning session by Swan, Culbertson & Fritz from their Manila office:

Business Done Prices in Pesos

Antamok	39
Atok	40
Baguio Gold	23
Bongue Consolidated	44
Coca Grove	44
Consolidated Mines	44
Demonstration	22
Paracale Gumau	44
San Maurice	44
Suror	194
United Paracale	40 1/2

The tone of the market Very Steady.

LETTERS TO THE
EDITORTo The Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph,

Sir,—Along with the prescriptions in yesterday's Telegraph I've read all the other recipes for success, but I have never had the pleasure of meeting anyone who had the courage to admit that "Influence" had anything to do with it.

I've heard all these tales of hard work, sleepless nights, concentration, saving and all the rest of it, but I have never known anyone who would give anyone else credit for making him what he is. If you go through the formulae, you'll find that our most successful business men to-day made their "pile" out of money which was left them by someone else.

All these stories of poor but honest farm lads who worked themselves from rags to riches, the road is mostly "bunk."

K. T. PENNEBAKER.

ILLICIT STILL
DISCOVERED

"If we had raided the place half an hour later, there would have been two additional charges of distilling without a licence and being in possession of distillable spirit," said Revenue Officer J. L. Stephens when prosecuting Ho Kau, 26, before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for the possession of an illicit still and fermenting material.

Mr. Stephens said he had raided an unnumbered hut in Homuntin in Wednesday night, and found that the fermenting material had just been placed over a fire but as yet no wine had been distilled.

A fine of \$100 or two months hard labour was imposed.

GANDHI CLAIMS
VICEROY WRONG

Wardha, Feb. 23. Mahatma Gandhi in a statement to Reuters, expressed dissatisfaction with the Viceroy's statement regarding the dispute with the Bihar and United Provinces ministries, saying that the right of examining the cases of political prisoners belongs to the responsible Ministers.

The Government's duty was to advise the Ministers, and to leave the latter free.

Nevertheless Gandhi said he was glad the Viceroy had left the door open, and he hoped Congress would leave Ministers a free hand to judge for themselves if they were satisfied with any of the assurances they had received.—Reuters Special.

Latest A.D.C.
Show Is
Big Success"French Without Tears"
Finely Performed

Possessing all the virtues of a good light comedy—a funny plot, fast and amusing dialogue, half a dozen or more attractive characters, an uproarious closing curtain—"French Without Tears" provides an ideal medium for the talented Hongkong A.D.C., which accordingly offers one of its most entertaining productions of recent years.

Last night's initial performance was an outstanding success. Something approaching a record first-night audience was present to give the play a rousing reception. The players reacted favourably to this welcome sign of increased interest and gave a show which, judged by the amateur stage standards, was almost without blemish. The comedy, brilliantly written, lends itself to good performance, and in every case, the players enhanced their reputations as first class performers of light comedy.

So vague is the plot, if such it can be termed, that one can leave the theatre almost unaware of what precisely has taken place, but one does not quickly forget the many come and witty lines which continually project themselves from the dialogue, nor can one be unappreciative of the several dry and subtle thrusts made at two of Britain's most honoured institutions—the Royal Navy and the Diplomatic Service. The play has charm and a fast tempo, both qualities being given their full value by the Hongkong players.

SMITH-WRIGHT'S HIT

E. G. Smith-Wright has done an excellent job of work in producing this London stage success with such polish. That he earns the acting honours-in-chief is further testimony to his versatility. It is a studied, competent performance which would do credit to anyone. In whatever play he appears, one always feels that while Smith-Wright is on the stage the show cannot fail.

He is surrounded in this instance by an exceptionally able cast, all of whom share unstinted congratulations for a meritorious production. Donald MacAlister, profiting by experience, has become a light comedy performer of particular charm and quality. Shellah Mackinlay caps all previous performances, and makes every entry and exit a notable event. Frue Neil, who played a part without its difficulties, offers an interesting interpretation. H. L. Duncan is an assured success, and plays a drunken scene with commendable skill. One finds it hard to detect flaws in the work of Claude Burgess, although his part is by no means "straight," and calls for some ingenuity in acting. A. H. Deleat gives a brilliant study of a volatile French professor. Peter Nicholson, a well modulated, if trifle nervous, study, and Fay Grossman, relegated to a comparatively insignificant part, makes what she can of it. Everard Harding has one entrance—and well he steals the show!

The play has been studiously rehearsed, and the A.D.C. sign always are, and is such a successful production that it deserves a full-house at every performance.—S.A.T.

ANTI-COMINTERN
PACT HAS NO
SECRETS

Tokyo, Feb. 24. Questioned by a foreign correspondent whether there was anything behind the anti-Comintern Pact between Japan, Germany and Italy, a spokesman at the Foreign Office declared there was no secret agreement behind the pact, the text of which had already been published. The spokesman said the pact only stipulates co-operation among the three powers for suppressing Comintern activities. He said there was no other stipulation, nor was there a provision for Italian and German support of Japan's action in China.—Reuters.

ROBBERY CASES
FOR COMMITTAL

Charged with robbing Pun Cheong-yee of two pieces of cloth at No. 84 Lockhart Road, ground floor, on February 22, and with having used violence to Chan Kwai, servant, two men, Lo Kuen, 25, and Szeto Chi, 40, appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning. They were remanded for a week on the application of Detective Sub-Inspector W. N. Darlin, who stated that the case was for committal.

RECORD SUGAR
CROP IN 1938

Washington, Feb. 23. It is estimated that the sugar crop for the year ending August 31, 1938, will be a production of 29,300,000 tons as compared with the previous record in 1937 of 28,290,000 tons. Consumption, it is estimated will be 26,842,000 tons, which will be 354,000 tons above the 1937 record.—United Press.

GENERAL PERSHING
SERIOUSLY ILL

New York, Feb. 23. General Pershing, Commander of the American expeditionary forces in the Great War, is still seriously ill, with complications of pneumonia and heart disease.—Reuters Bulletin.

SOONG MAY
AGAIN JOIN
GOVERNMENTLatest Hankow
Report

Hankow, Feb. 24. Active participation in the Chinese Government by Mr. T. V. Soong is widely believed, following his arrival here from Hongkong.

His arrival has served to dispel rumours of disagreement within the Soong family. When Madame Chiang Kai-shek and Mr. H. H. Kung recently visited Hongkong, reports were circulated that they were trying to persuade Mr. Soong to "forget past differences and to come to Hankow"—Reuters.

INJURED BY BLAST

A miner, Tong Kun-tai, 23, employed at Shing Mun, suffered injuries yesterday when he attempted to remove an old dynamite charge which had failed to explode. The charge exploded without warning.

COMING WEDDING ANNOUNCED

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Peter Ronald Ward, an officer in H.M.S. Phoenix, and Miss Ruth Marianne Goldring, of 505 The Peak.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG
JOCKEY CLUB

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1938.
19th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 26th
February, 1938.

On Saturday 19th, Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd February, the first race will be rung at 11 a.m., and the first race will be rung at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 26th February, the first race will be rung at 1.30 p.m., and the first race will be rung at 2.00 p.m.

The time interval will be after the fifth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND
ENCLOSURES.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$15.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for all debts, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Day, Tel. 21020.

No pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting. No amahs will be allowed on the Fifth Day.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tipsters, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.


Hongkong, 14th February, 1938.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB

Tennis Tournament

Matches arranged for the week 28th February/4th March are posted in the Pavilion. Every effort must be made to play off ties on the days allotted. Competitors are requested to consult the list daily in case of any alteration. Any reference to ties should be made to the Match Secretary, Mr. T. C. MONAGHAN, Tel. No. 23340.

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